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Mike's rail journeys are tracked on TV

COWBRIDGE photographer and railway enthusiast Mike Wilcock has provided videos that will be used in a BBC 4 programme, to be broadcast next week.

Entitled *Trainspotting Live* it will be broadcast next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8pm to 9pm, and is billed as a "new approach about railways as an interest/hobby in 2016".

Mike told The GEM: "It intends to show how trainspotting has moved on from men in anoraks noting down numbers in a railway station.

"The production team gathered information from around the UK from fellow enthusiasts, photographers etc, and they contacted me having seen my videos on You Tube, where I have over 920,000 viewers watching my clips of railways in the UK since 1986 to the present day."

So, Mike's videos will be among those broadcast over the three nights, as BBC 4 brings trainspotting up to date.

However, the GEM can't helping feeling that the acid test will be, *have they found any female trainspotters?*

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TOWN MARKS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME

THE 100th anniversary of the start of the Battle of the Somme was marked in Cowbridge by a service in Holy Cross Church on July 1.

The Act of Remembrance was led by members of the Royal British Legion, with the president of the Cowbridge branch laying a Somme wreath to commemorate the fallen in the battle.

Perhaps the most poignant parts of the service, however, were led by some talented pupils from Cowbridge Comprehensive School. Their poems, music, and accounts of the four men from Cowbridge who made the ultimate sacrifice in the course of the battle, brought home the tragic events of July 1, 1916 and the weeks that followed.

Their reflections on a recent school visit to the battlefield showed just how relevant Remembrance remains today for all generations. This was also brought home to the large congregation at the very end of the service with the moving reading of the Kohima Epitaph: *"When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today"*.

Councillor's 'racism' allegations not backed up in Cowbridge

ON June 23, the United Kingdom voted to leave the European Union. A week after Britons awoke to the news, The GEM canvassed Cowbridge people for their opinions.

What sparked this snap poll of Cowbridge residents and businesspeople was not the rash of statements from local politicos, nor even the raft of letters from correspondents throughout the Vale on the Referendum itself, but a letter run on page 3 of the Cowbridge GEM last week. Headlined "Casual bigotry on Cowbridge streets", it referred to a conversation reportedly heard in the town that 'immigrants' should '*get on with it and leave*".

The difference between Brexiteers and Remainers in the Vale was a mere 1.46 percentage points (1,009 votes). Perhaps this, and occasional reports of differing views in families, and between neighbours and friends, causing some upset, is why people spoken to in Cowbridge were willing to answer questions on racism and the Referendum, but preferred to remain anonymous.

No-one had heard racist language used in Cowbridge, apart from one resident from eastern Europe. Her husband, an Englishman, was warned against displaying a cross of St George in his car during the early stages of the Euro 2016 tournament.

She said: "They are his work colleagues and he thought they were joking.

"But he was told that a politician (in Wales) had described English people as 'idiots and racists' and his friends were warning, not threatening him. It's crazy."

The consensus, however, was that racism and obvious bigotry in Cowbridge had not been evident before the Referendum – nor was it now.

Reasons cited by people included that because Cowbridge was a relatively small town, everyone knew everyone else, if only by sight.

"You're not going to be racist to someone you're likely to pass on the street each day, or bump into in the checkout queue," said a middle-aged man and business owner.

"I think it's the sort of thing that happens in cities or bigger towns, not here."

This view was borne out by a young woman, who recently moved to the Vale from Cardiff: She said: "I haven't experienced bigotry since moving here; it's very likely to happen in a big city, though."

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Readers' Letters

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Over-65s also have the right to vote

I WOULD like to explain to Mr John Deakin (GEM letters, June 30), who castigates over-65s for having the temerity to vote 'leave', that the vote of an 80-year-old is as relevant as the vote of an 18-year-old. This process is known as democracy.

The over 65s have the benefit of knowing what this country was like prior to us being conned into joining the Common Market, which was the thin end of the wedge.

The massive vote to leave was from people who wanted to show their utter contempt for the self-serving elite who govern this country, with no thought for ordinary people who have to suffer the consequences of the EU'S barking-mad laws.

The powers that be obviously have no understanding of the mind-set of the general public.

The Government's policy of fear, doom and gloom, threats (plus Obama ticking us off), had the reverse effect to the one they expected.

I would love to be there when the Kinnock family fly home, no longer required on the Brussels gravy train.

Diane Mitchell, Barry.

TEST FOR VOTERS?

I HAVE just read a letter in the June 30 issue of The GEM from a John Deakin, who mentioned his disgust at Brexit voting by pensioners.

Maybe, as was suggested to me, the IQ of voters should be checked, their weight, the colour of their hair and eyes, and their age, before they are allowed to vote!

We live in what I thought of as a democracy; but he seems to want to live in the alternative.

Sad, really.

Roy Cook, Llantwit Major.

'Brexit votes were cast on prejudice'

AS one who voted enthusiastically to remain in the EU, I am disappointed that we are being pulled out on such a tiny majority; I believe that this Referendum was won largely on the disinformation perpetrated by the Leave camp.

I lay the blame at David Cameron's door. He played Russian roulette with the nation's destiny to placate the Europhobic rump of his party, and it is small consolation that he got his just comeuppance.

Those who voted for Brexit largely cast their votes on prejudice rather than facts. The older ones, the largest group that supported Brexit, did so because they still don't seem to have grasped that Britannia no longer rules the waves.

Indeed, our membership of the EU has, over the years, raised Britain from being the sick man of Europe to a world-respected power, not least because we became the English-speaking world's entry portal to the foremost bloc on the planet.

Outside, in years to come, Britannia may well struggle to rule even the Knap pond.

Prejudiced voting seems even more prominent amongst those working people who voted Brexit.

In places like the Rhondda, they get the largest slice of the EU funding for Wales and have almost no immigrants, yet they voted most to leave.

I can only surmise that they were also the most susceptible to believing the lies.

Marc Delaney, Barry.

Would vote to Remain have changed anything?

'Problems were there *BEFORE* Referendum'

A READER'S letter in The GEM last week laid out the real problems faced by young people, such as being unable to leave home, getting a mortgage, 'zero hours' contract jobs, getting loans and high tuition fees.

Those problems existed pre-Referendum! Would a vote to remain have altered that?

Our governing elite would have regarded it as an endorsement to maintain the status quo!

Accepting there are problems with the lack of social housing and school places, along with NHS staffing levels and that they stem from under-funding by the Welsh Assembly, one has to ask – *why*?

It is generally accepted that under the Barnett Formula, Wales has been under-funded by Westminster by around £300 million a year. This has resulted in the Assembly having to prioritise spending.

Why have successive Westminster governments not corrected this? The under-funding of Wales has caused it to be poor enough to attract EU grants of some £140 million a year. So, successive chancellors have had savings of some £160 million a year. Not really a fair deal for Wales!

The Referendum 'Remain' vote was bolstered by voters led to believe that reform of the EU could be achieved by working from within, rather than from without.

The continued flat rejection by the EU governing elite of any changes to free movement across the UK borders suggests that belief to be misplaced.

The entry of large numbers of east Europeans to the poorer areas of England has caused problems. We in the Vale have not experienced it! If we had, the Vale Referendum vote result may well have been different.

To our young people who mainly voted to remain, I would say this: look to Greece, Spain and Italy... Judge how well they are doing within the EU. Would staying in bring them up, or you down?

B Hall, Llantwit Major.

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Praise for the caring VCRS

MAY I, through the pages of The GEM newspaper. say 'thank you' to the Vale Community Resource Services team based in Barry.

My wife's mum, who is in her 80s, fell and broke her hip recently. As the time came to leave the hospital, we as a family sought the help we knew we would need. We are a family of four generations, making the caring for ageing loved ones challenging.

Living in Llantwit Major, we were referred to the VCRS team. They knew what we needed, took the time to understand us as a family, and put in place a rehabilitation package.

Coming into my mother-in-law's home twice a day, they ensured her medication was taken, exercises were done and, most importantly, that mum was safe. The VCRS also referred mum to the 'Stay Steady' programme, which has been so beneficial in getting her back on her feet and walking.

The team that came to the house every day were professional, but also showed the face of human kindness.

What a privilege it is in our society to have access to teams such as the VCRS. They got us over those first few critical weeks and gave us what we needed, as we organised a more long-term solution to the ongoing care needs of an elderly couple.

Name and address supplied.

Disgust over abuse

TO the two older gentlemen in Llantwit Major who today showed themselves in a very bad light to the younger generation.

The young folk you passed today and called ... immigrants were, in fact, 15-year-old schoolchildren on a hike and camp for their Duke of Edinburgh award.

What an awful example you are to the younger generation and a pitiful example of humanity.

I am absolutely disgusted.

Sue Eldridge, Barry.

Ultimate sacrifice of Mametz Wood

IN World War 1, more than eight million men were killed and a further 37 million wounded, and nowhere was the slaughter greater than on the Somme battlefield, in a battle which began on July 1, 1916, and went on to last for several months.

Over the past week, I have been privileged to attend a number of ceremonies and events to remember our courageous heroes who served our country, defended our freedoms, and kept us safe.

We remembered all those who have fallen and those who risked their lives to protect us.

On July 1, the Battle of Mametz Wood in France began, a battle which involved the Welsh Division and generals hoped it would only last a few hours.

Instead, the battle lasted for five days and on the first day alone, over 400 casualties were sustained. Not a single tree was left untouched.

On the centenary, I attended a service in Mametz to remember our Welsh heroes who paid the ultimate sacrifice, as Wales remembers the centenary of the Battle of the Somme.

Casualty figures for the Welsh Division amounted to nearly 4,000 when the wounded and those listed as "missing" were counted, and that does not include the numbers of German dead, which would have been a similar figure.

At 8pm on July 11, the Germans issued orders for their withdrawal and the fighting for Mametz Wood was over. Sadly, for many, many years, the Welsh Division did not receive the credit it deserved for the sacrifices made during that period.

We stand together to remember the ultimate sacrifice they made.

Andrew R T Davies AM, South Wales Central.

'Re-run would not change my vote'

I WRITE in response to Mr John Deakin's GEM letter dated June 30. I understand that he is obviously disappointed at the Referendum result, and is looking to blame us oldies for not having the same point of view as himself.

However, he should ponder the fact that 64 per cent of the age group he is concerned about didn't bother to vote at all! So rather than blaming my generation, he should consider the apathy of the majority of those who obviously weren't as worried about their futures as he is.

He ponders whether a re-run of the referendum would give a different result. Well, I can tell him I wouldn't change my vote. I believe, with the EU being 'a busted flush', that in 10 years' time, it will turn out to be the best decision we ever made.

I believe that being the first in the lifeboats of the *Titanic* is the best thing we could have done.

Geoffrey Lages, Rhoose.

'Let's put the Great back in Britain'

WE in this country are supposed to be democratic: a vote was taken and the result was to leave the EU – which is *not* a democracy.

Is it not time to support the majority and get on with the job of bringing this country back to Great Britain as we once were?

To the people who did not want to leave the sinking EU with its 'do as you're told' attitude and rules, I say let us all – never mind colour, nationality, or belief – get off our backsides and get on with the rebuild of the UK.

The one problem that people seem to dwell on is immigration. This issue is not about the people who have been in this country for years and have paid their taxes.

It is the vast number of people who have arrived or are trying to arrive, illegally, with no means of supporting themselves and expect to be housed and supported by us.

Come on, you moaning Leave campaigners, grow up!

D Harris, Rhoose.

DOG MESS AND LITTER LOUTS

LAST week's letter in The GEM by T Abery mentions "two crisp packets and an empty bottle on the grass", but doesn't seem to condemn the perpetrators.

Dog mess and litter louts are on a par, equally bad, but I would wager any money that there are more litter louts than dog foulers on Barry Island.

Mike Dunn, Barry Island.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 14)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
07 Thur	09.17	9.8	21.36	9.7
08 Fri	09.56	9.4	22.14	9.4
09 Sat	10.36	9.2	22.53	9.1
10 Sun	11.12	8.8	23.31	8.6
11 Mon	11.53	8.2		
12 Tues	00.16	8.2	12.42	8.0
13 Wed	01.06	7.9	13.42	7.7
14 Thur	02.09	7.6	14.55	7.5

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Rotary club is renewing ties with Europe!

Corinna and Jörg Bräunig, from the Rotary Club of Meissen, chat to new president Steven Blackman.

COWBRIDGE Rotary Club welcomed Steven Blackman as its new president at a hand-over on June 27 at The Bear.

Mr Blackman, an old boy of the grammar school and former accountant, was looking forward to leading the club in a very busy year ahead with all the dozens of things that Rotarians get involved in both locally and internationally.

Some of these are already quite well known around Cowbridge. Santa's sleigh at Christmas, the easter parade (with Mr Nibbles, the white rabbit), the charity quiz, the monthly car boot sales, the street collections and the Interact Club at Cowbridge School.

There are lots of things that the club does just because they are good things to do.

These include :sponsoring students at the school for educational exchanges, the monthly entertainment for the residents of Longmeadow Court, all the young chef, young photographer, Youthspeaks competitions, the reading classes at Y Bont Faen School, the help given to Cowbridge community allotments, the 'ShelterBoxes' sent to disaster areas around the world, the help given to Vale for Africa in getting water supplies to schools in Uganda and the monies given to help eradicate the scourge of polio worldwide – the list goes on.

Immediate past president Peter Moug welcomes in Steven Blackman as the new president of Cowbridge Rotary Club.

President Blackman has also set his sights on a joint international project with the twin club in Meissen.

So while it may seem in some ways that we're moving away from the EU, in other ways the club will be reaffirming a friendship that has existed between Cowbridge and Meissen that has been strong and fruitful for almost 20 years.

ANDY BANKS

FRIENDS' BLUE SKY RIDE FOR JUSTIN RAISES £3,000

The tired cyclists celebrate their arrival in Cowbridge.

IN memory of Justin Roberts, 23 cyclists (comprising friends and colleagues) set off at 10am on Friday, June 17, from outside Lloyds Building in London.

They arrived in Cowbridge at 3.30pm on Sunday, June 19. His sister, Jessica and her parents, Janet and Griff Morgan, would like to thank everyone for their support. The cycle ride was called the 'Blue Sky Ride', and over £3,000 has been raised for charity.

"We will keep smiling in memory of Justin."

Cowbridge choir gets pulses racing

COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir has bought a life-saving defibrillator, which will benefit the choir and the wider community in Cowbridge.

The choir, which is a charitable organisation, has spent £1,000 on the device, which will be based at Holy Cross Church in Cowbridge with the exception of when the choir are on tour, or have other concerts.

Rob Parsons, choir treasurer, said: "As an ageing choir, it's very important to us that we have this equipment available to our members. If you are within 200 metres of a defibrillator, then it can be used to help save someone's life."

Leon Fear, the choir's chairman, said: "Hopefully, it will never be used, but it will give the choir and others peace of mind that, if they should have a heart attack, they will now stand a better chance of survival."

The choir, which has been given a demonstration of the defibrillator, is having a charity auction at the Cowbridge Rugby Club on Saturday, July 9.

Donations are welcome; contact paulowen1000@gmail.com or call 07814 496360 for more information.

Cowbridge Male Voice Choir always welcomes new members, and it practices once a week on Wednesday nights at Holy Cross Church in Cowbridge.

Good day out west for choir

THE annual Gwyl Fawr Aberteifi music festival in Cardigan has been a favourite of local choir Meibion y Machlud for some time, but now even more so after its success in taking second place in the male choir competition on Saturday.

The choir, a past winner of the competition, regularly competes in this major event in the Welsh cultural calendar, which attracts choirs from all over Wales.

This year, of the four choirs entered, two made it to the stage in what proved to be a very high standard competition, according to the adjudicator, the composer Robat Arwyn.

The audience was treated to excellent and contrasting performances from two very different choirs; on one hand the massed 80-plus voices of Morriston RFC Choir and on the other the closely knit 21 voices of MyM.

In the end it was the sheer volume of the larger choir that swung the decision their way with their rendition of Jeffrey Howard's arrangement of 'Y Darlun'.

Despite being pipped at the post, Meibion conductor Eifion Davies was very pleased with the choir's performance of 'Benedictus' and 'Deryn y Bwn'. "To have sung Benedictus to its composer and receive praise from him for our interpretation is quite an achievement."

Robat Arwyn was also full of praise for local composer Trevor Roberts's arrangement of 'Deryn y Bwn', which the choir performed with drama and energy.

All in all, this was a very good day for the choir. Eifion summed up by saying: "The fact that we were able to run a good, far larger choir so close says it all. I'm very proud of the lads."

The members of the choir are very grateful to our conductor and to our talented accompanist Rhidian Lake.

If you are interested in joining, the choir will begin meeting again after its summer recess at 7.30pm on September 5 at Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg, Broadway, Cowbridge, CF71 7ER. Contact Eifion Davies on 07533350429 for more details.

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Llangan school

ON Wednesday, July 6 years 1 and 2 are going to Southerndown beach, hopefully the weather will be dry and warm.

Leavers' assembly

Teachers and staff are getting ready to say 'goodbye' to year-6 pupils who will be leaving Llangan School to go to Cowbridge Comprehensive School in September; the school is having a leavers' assembly on Thursday, July 14.

Roadworks complete!

THE extensive roadworks, which have taken place close to the private housing estate (formerly garden centre) over the past weeks, are now complete with new bus shelters, which will be a great help for residents of Fferm Goch.

Treoes club outing

THE Young At Heart Club members will be enjoying a coach trip on July 7.

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Any dream will do for pupils!

Y Bont Faen Primary School pupils performed at the 'Dream Team' event.

PUPILS from Y Bont Faen Primary followed in the footsteps of some of the world's best known actors this summer, when they perform in Stratford-upon-Avon as part of the Royal Shakespeare Company's 'Dream Team Playmaking Festival' for schools.

The festival, which takes place between June 27 and July 8, is the culmination of a national call-out to schools to join the RSC's 'Dream Team 2016' an celebrate Shakespeare's life and work in the year that marks the 200th anniversary of his death.

More than 1,600 school children from 52 schools across the UK will perform their work in front of a live audience at either the Other Place, the RSC's iconic studio theatre, or the Dell, the RSC's outdoor performance space.

All of the pupils in year 6 from Y Bont Faen Primary made the journey to the Midlands market town on June 29, where they performed their version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The children were also able to hone their theatre-making skills in a masterclass led by actors from the RSC.

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'Racism' allegations rebuffed

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She was one of three people who, however, used the phrase "bubbling under the surface" to describe racism, though they could not directly link it to the Referendum, nor had they heard of it happening in Cowbridge – aside from the recent letter in The GEM.

Two people, though, knew of supposed racist incidents in Cowbridge, although these were directed towards others, not them, and before the recent vote. This follows the pattern reported elsewhere in national media, that such incidents seem to happen to someone else, rarely the person asked.

One respondent took the view that such incidents have not led, yet, to any arrests. "It's very convenient," she said. "It's always 'oh, yes; it happened to a friend of a friend or 'I read about it on Twitter'; it's like alien abduction. Why don't they report it to the police?

"No-one seems bothered about the offensive remarks against older people, who seem to make up the majority of 'Out' voters. These have been pretty awful. where is the condemnation for these 'hate crimes'?"

Another woman, a business owner and firmly in the "In" camp, attributed blame to media, including the BBC, for a rise in tensions post-Referendum between people regardless of race or ethnicity.

"Media focused too much on the 'negative' aspects of leaving, when people really needed facts, not fear.

"I'm for "In" and would vote the same way again – and I even want a second referendum – but the issue needed and needs balanced reporting."

On July 3, Richard Bertin, an independent councillor for the Barry Court ward issued a news release, which on, the face of it was quite shocking.

Coun Bertin stated that, as a result of Leave vote, South Wales Police had: "*... reported an increase in racially-motivated hate crime towards various groups from ethnic-minority backgrounds.*"

He went on to say that a motion will be placed before the Vale Council later this month calling on the authority to "*...do more following the Referendum to reduce racial tension in the community.*"

The GEM contacted South Wales Police over the report of an increase in race-hate crime in the region.

Putting Coun Bertin's specific report to the force, a spokesman replied: "There has not been a marked increase in (racially-motivated) hate crime linked to Brexit or the EU Referendum in the Vale."

The GEM later received a statement from South Wales Police Superintendent Liane Bartlett, confirming: "*We have not seen an increase in hate crime incidents reported to us in the past week*" (since the Referendum).

She went on to say that this does not mean that abuse of that nature is not taking pace, and urged anyone affected by such behaviour to contact the police.

Statistics are open to interpretation, but facts, such as reported incidents, far less so. The fact is that – according to South Wales Police – there has not been a reported rise in racially-motivated crime.

Everyone The GEM spoke with in Cowbridge was asked questions about the referendum itself, specifically whether they would vote the same way again and whether a second referendum should be held.

Everyone in this snap survey stuck resolutely to their guns. The "Outers" remained so, and the "Inners" likewise. Opinions as to what happens next did not, however, split so easily along these lines.

Some Inners called for a second referendum, with one stating "...it cannot do any harm". All in this camp thought that it should be opened up to 16 and 17 year olds.

One claimed that the EU is "...more democratic than Westminster, and that the "mother of parliaments" should be done away with in favour of Brussels and Strasbourg.

The majority, however, said that democracy had been served and that the decision must be respected.

They, and the Outers, agreed that the Government should act quickly and decisively to invoke Article 50.

• ***As The GEM was going to press yesterday (Wednesday), Coun Bertin responded to requests for a further comment in light of the police statement.***

He said that his information was "through people telling me, community groups, bobbies on the beat, but not officially from South Wales Police."

RON SPEED – A TRIBUTE

DEATH OF AN UNASSUMING LOCAL FIGURE

RON SPEED was a Yorkshireman by birth and a translator by trade.

It started with his studies at Birmingham University in the late 1950s and early '60s.

Ron loved Cowbridge. So much so, that the collection now being made in his name is approaching £500. He was a modest man and would have been amazed to learn of his popularity. In fact it was only as a result of the regard in which he was held that staff at the Emmaus charity shop in Eastgate were able to raise the alarm when he was first missed in May.

Ron (aged 76) enjoyed daily walks, which made room for more than a chat or two. He died in his sleep in his apartment at Hopyard Meadow, where he had lived for almost 30 years.

Ron was a polyglot who earned his living in a wide range of languages, including German, Russian, Dutch, Italian and, for fun, a variety of lesser known languages.

In the course of his career, he was interviewed by GKN (Guest, Keen, Nettlefold) Wolverhampton. At the time, he was working in the Manchester area. He never had any recollection of the near-death experience he encountered on the return train journey. Suffice to say, he still got the job!

Other employers including Pilkingtons and AEI (Associated Electrical Industries). His move to Philips in the Netherlands (where he spent six years) added another string to his bow.

When he returned to the UK, Ron headed for south Wales and set up a translation service as a freelance. Ron will be sadly missed by his wide circle of friends in the area.

But Ron was no one-trick pony. He was also a keen photographer, recording life around Cowbridge (look for his photo blog). And in earlier days, when Cowbridge could boast a snooker club he could be found, cue in hand, walking around the green baize.

Ron will be sadly missed by his wide circle of friends in the area.

Brian Harris, Cowbridge.

Imagination on show in Pontyclun

ST PAULS, Pontyclun, hosted its fifth stained glass window festival over the last weekend.

This year, the 'windows' were exceptional and visitors to St Paul's on June 25-26 found great difficulty deciding on their favourites.

The festival is becoming more and more popular each year and encourages people of all ages to express their artistic talents.

On the Sunday evening, the festival concluded with a 'Songs of Praise' event and Rev Sue announced the winners.

First favourite: 'How does our Garden Grow' went to St Pauls Nursery; second, 'Seasons', by the Alzheimer's Society's Pottery Group, dedicated to the late Sheila and Karan Heke; third, 'Promise' by Beci Shearman; fourth, 'William Shakespeare's Anniversary' to the Thursday Group.

Many thanks to people of all ages who made 'windows'. From two-year-old Isobel, the children of St Pauls Nursery, and runner-up nine-year-old Freya Charles with 'Butterflies and Dandelions', to the entrants of more than 80!

Also grateful thanks to everyone who helped behind the scenes over the two days of the festival.

The stained glass window festival is not only about raising funds for the church but also an opportunity for visitors to be inspired by the creativity which abounds in our villages.

SHEILA GILES

'How does our Garden Grow'

Dinas Powys Wales fans issue an appeal for the return of their tournament flag

WELSH football fans from Dinas Powys have issued an appeal for the return of their prized flag which was taken when Wales played Northern Ireland.

Mike McAndrew told The GEM: "Eleven of us went to Euro 2016 and stayed in Bordeaux for two weeks, travelling to each group game and then moving on to Paris for the last 16.

"We took two Welsh flags with us, one with Dinas Powys emblazoned on it, along with the country's football crest and the Cardiff City emblem. It was seen on TV by lots of people."

The flag had been designed and bought before Euro 2016 by Mike and his friend Chris Parsons.

by GEM REPORTER

"At the Northern Ireland game we were in the top tier behind the goal.

"We couldn't put it in front of us and had to display it further along the tier in front of some French fans. At half time, I went along to check the flag was still there and asked the fans nearby to keep an eye on it."

After Wales had sealed their victory, Mike went along to retrieve the flag, only to be told that two boys had come down and taken it.

"It's a shame someone took it and we've run an appeal on Facebook on the Wales supporters' pages. We don't want it to end up in someone's garage or in a bin."

The lads did manage to get to the quarter final clash - minus the flag of course.

Some Welsh fans are testing the patience of their employers because they are desperate to take more time off work, but Mike has no such worries.

"My boss is an England fan and says it's fantastic and that I can take a couple more days off work."

As The GEM was going to press Mike, Chris and Mike's son Elliott were leaving for Wales' crunch semi-final against Portugal.

If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of the flag then contact The GEM on 01446 774484.

Welsh supporters from Dinas Powys in Bordeaux before the Slovakia game – the flag went missing during the match against Northern Ireland and the lads want it back.

THE RAIN DOESN'T STOP PLAY – OR A BARBEQUE!

THE PTA of Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant Llanilltud Fawr held its end-of-year barbecue at the school to raise funds for new outdoor playground equipment.

Having already had the sports day postponed due to the weather, everyone crossed their fingers that the barbecue wouldn't also be a washout, and fortunately the few spots of rain didn't affect the evening.

Dawie from Farmer's Pantry provided the burgers and hotdogs while Steph and Rachel from Bella Rose provided refreshments.

A spokeswoman said: "The PTA also ran a 'jolly jar' stall, lucky dip and the ever-popular face painting.

"It seems that all of the children and parents enjoyed themselves, and although the final total raised is yet to be confirmed, early indications are that around £500 has been added to the pot.

"Many thanks to all who helped on the day to make it a success, with Dawie seemingly gaining an apprentice too. With the school growing in size each year, hopefully it will also mean bigger events."

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Council earmarks £44 million for local secondary schools

THE Vale Council is putting forward a proposal to invest £44 million into two new mixed-sex secondary schools in Barry to replace the existing Barry Comprehensive and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive schools.

A public consultation will be launched in September and subject to the consideration of responses from that consultation, the new schools could open in September 2018.

Last week, concerns were raised at the fact that admisions to Barry Boys and Bryn Hafren were undersubscribed, whereas admissions to St Cyres and Cowbridge Comprehensive were over-subscribed.

Lis Burnett, the cabinet member for regeneration and education, said at the time that the council's programme of investment would result in a levelling out of demand in the Vale.

The new schools would be based on the existing sites of Barry's two single-sex schools. £11.5m has been earmarked for investment into buildings currently occupied by Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School and £32.5m for a new school building and a centre of behavioural excellence on the Barry Comprehensive School site. Both new schools would have a capacity of 1,100 places.

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration and education, said: "We know that both parents and pupils in the Vale have long desired a change to mixed schooling.

"The council's new plan for transforming English medium education in Barry will not only deliver this but it will also deliver on our longstanding commitment to invest in the futures of the children and young people of the Vale.

"The success of the Penarth Learning Community shows the impact that first class facilities can have, not only on achievement but also the wellbeing of pupils.

"Construction is already under way on the Llantwit Learning Community and if these proposals are agreed and receive the endorsement of parents and pupils during consultation, then work will begin on delivering equally good facilities for Barry."

As Bryn Hafren and Barry Comprehensive schools currently share the same catchment area, the creation of two new mixed sex schools would require catchment areas to be redrawn.

Subject to consideration by cabinet, public consultation would begin on September 5, 2016. The consultation would be open to all interested parties, with a focus on parents, pupils, and staff, and would run for six weeks.

A separate consultation is currently being undertaken on a proposal to invest £19m into Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg to enable an increase in the number of Welsh medium secondary school places in the Vale. The two proposals are not interlinked and can progress separately.

Join Weatherman Walking, for Llantrisant Walk

ON Sunday, September 4 at 10am Derek, 'The Weatherman Walking', Brockway will wave walkers off from the Llantrisant Leisure Centre at the start of the Llantrisant Walk.

The eight-mile Llantrisant Walk is one for the whole family and the day will be packed with fun and fundraising.

The walk, to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, is hosted by the Pontyclun and District Fundraising Group. The registration fee is £10 and this includes a t-shirt, a goody bag and a Macmillan Walk 2016 medal memento. Children under 12 are free.

To register online, visit the website www.macmillan.org.uk/LlantrisantWalk or for more information check out www.macpontycun.co.uk.

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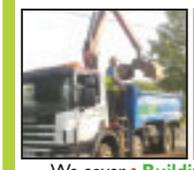
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'Ambassador' explains the work of Mayor's charity at coffee morning

The coffee morning was well attended. PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK.

THE Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Elizabeth George, held a coffee morning in the town hall chambers last Saturday (July 2) and took the opportunity to welcome an ambassador for a charity that she will be supporting during her year in office.

Jackie Askey came along to talk about the 'Forget Me Not Chorus', a Cardiff-based choir for people affected by Alzheimer's or dementia, and their carers.

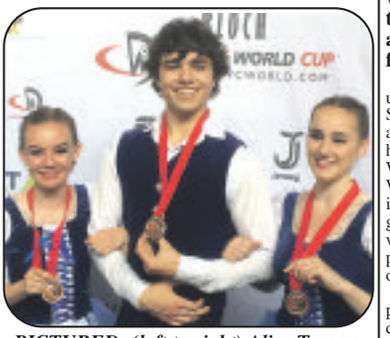
She said: "It is a fantastic therapy for people with dementia. It is perfect, no pressure, just fun, with everyone playing a part to the best of their ability.

"For us, choir evening is our happiness fix."

For more information on the choir, call Sarah on 029222 362064, or email hello@forgetmenotchorus.com

The Mayor with Jackie Askey, an ambassador for the 'Forget Me Not Chorus' who spoke about the effect the choir has on people with dementia.

Young Vale dancers' World Cup success



PICTURED: (left to right) Alice Teague, Llewelyn Brown and Rachel Bent, bronze medal winners.

THREE young dancers from the Vale have brought home bronze medals from the 2016 Dance World Cup.

Rachel Bent from St Mary Hill, Alice Teague from Llantwit Major and Llewelyn Brown from Wick, all aged 16, performed their pas de trois 'Peasants from Giselle' in the junior ballet trio section and were overjoyed when the bronze was awarded to Wales.

This year, the Dance World Cup, sponsored by BLOCH, was held at the Fort Regent, St Helier, Jersey. Over 12,000 competitors from 38 countries compete at their country qualifiers and at the world finals each year and Rachel, Alice and Llewelyn who attend the Moya Vahey School of Classical Russian Ballet in Cowbridge, were proud to represent their country.

They had received support for the trip from A&A Dancewear in Barry, the Bryn Illtyd Trust and Llantwit Major Rotary Club, for which they are very grateful.

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The WI: much more than jam and Jerusalem

News from Pendoylan WI

THE country voted and we now know that we are out of the European Union and, as individuals and communities, we will work with this decision to find a good resolution for our country.

We in the WI have, as usual, had a busy month. Several members attended a table-top sale held by our friends at Wenvoe WI. Then the WI at Culverhouse Cross invited us to join its group meeting where we were entertained by a presentation and tasting of Welsh food.

Not surprisingly, our production of food and drinks are an important part of our tourism industry and of our trade with other countries.

Membership of the WI offers a great deal more than access to entertainment. Some of our members attended a literary lunch at which people had submitted poems, limericks or the first chapter of a novel.

If you have found yourself thinking that you surely have a novel in there somewhere, then it was a good chance to share your efforts with your peers and hear their comments.

We also attended an evening on viruses led by Dr Andrew Freedman, Clinical Professor at the Cardiff Institute of Infection and Immunity at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.

We learned a great deal about why some are mild and others are potentially lethal and about their ability to change and adapt to survive. We also heard about the fact and fiction and why viruses are so difficult to treat.

He shared the concerns of his colleagues in this field about the possible impact of the zika virus on those attending the Olympic Games in Rio. This virus is insignificant except for its effects on pregnancy, when it can cause microencephaly.

We also heard from one of his colleagues who volunteered to go to Africa and work with sufferers of the ebola virus. We were able to see shots of her work, from the building – by Welsh volunteers – of the clinic, to the time when they were able to return home.

Every aspect of their work was extremely challenging and part of the problem was working with the very different customs of a vastly different culture.

One can only be massively impressed by the integrity of people who are prepared to place their lives in such massive danger in order to care for fellow human beings.

We have several members who are always game for a good walk. This month the Glamorgan Federation arranged a treasure hunt which involved walking the Knoll Park in Neath, which was a challenging site.

In our monthly meeting, we enjoyed a tunefully nostalgic talk by Howard Mortimore from Port Talbot. He gave us a musically-highlighted trip through Ivor Novello's pre- and post-war life and work up to his death in 1951.

He was a stunningly good-looking man whose music and theatre were hugely popular and, despite his altercation with the authorities over petrol rationing during the war, his popularity was undimmed. One of his most famous pieces at that time was the iconic First World War time song, 'Keep the Home Fires Burning (Till the Boys Come Home)', which found renewed resonance during the 1939-45 war.

We were surprised to hear that, prior to the funerals of Churchill and Princess Diana, his funeral was the most well-attended in this country outside of the royal family. The Ivor Novello Association worked hard, aided by the Welsh Assembly, to raise the money for his statue in the bay where he looks over his shoulder at the Millenium Theatre where his work has yet to be performed.

Across the nation, the WI have joined in the celebrations of the 90th birthday of our most famous WI member. Happy birthday, your majesty!

For our July meeting on Tuesday, July 12 we shall not be meeting at the Memorial Hall. We are making an afternoon visit to the renewable energy Cenin site at Parc Stormy followed by afternoon tea at the Grove Golf Club.

We shall be taking a break during August and will meet again on Tuesday, September 13 at 7pm at the Memorial Hall when local historian Dean Powell will share his knowledge on the life and work of Glyn Houston.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

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ALL THE COLOURS AND SCENTS OF SUMMER AT PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY FLOWER SHOW

Photographs by IAN DIXON

THE annual Peterston-super-Ely Flower Show was held recently in the church and community hall.

The large number of entries of flowers, vegatables and cakes ensured the rooms were flooded with the colours and scents of summer.

In addition, there were classes for crafts, photographs, and paintings. Refreshments were served inside and outside the hall.

The trophies were presented by the show's president, Mr Chris Brain and the prestigious RHS Banksian Medal was awarded to Mr Chris Powell.

ABOVE: Show president Chris Brain (centre) with David Phillips and Chris Powell.

ABOVE: Hywel Thomas.

RIGHT: Mrs S Pearson with her trophy.

LEFT: Mrs D Durley receives her trophy.

BELOW: The judges deliberate

Mr Brain with Mrs D Brain.

Mrs D Thompson receives her trophy.

Vale students 'Do it for Real'

ABOVE, left to right: Do it for Real winners Callum Mickelsen, Lewis Martin, Ellis Baldwin, Luke Blight, Laurie-Ann Kemlo, Geraint Walker, and Shakira Francis.

STUDENTS from Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) have been given funding to set up social enterprises under the 'Do it for Real' award programme.

The schemes include projects to bring young and old people together through teaching sign language, fashion shows and charity football matches for people with additional learning needs. Each project will receive £500 from Do it for Real.

Supported by UnLtd, the foundation for social entrepreneurs, the programme aims to help young people start, grow and build their own 'social- action' projects.

Students from across CAVC, supported by its enterprise and enrichment team, had to go through a rigorous process of pitching their ideas to a panel of social entrepreneurs and are now on their way to realising their ambitions through the awards programme.

Eighteen-year-old A Level student Callum Mickelsen from Barry won funding for 'Project Sign', an initiative to bring young and old together through the teaching of British Sign Language.

This intergenerational project aims to reduce social isolation and improve mental wellbeing.

Lewis Martinson and Ellis Baldwin, two 17-year-old vocational access students from Barry, received funding for additional learning needs (ALN) football.

This project will organise charity football matches for people with additional learning needs.

The events will bring together community members with the aim of improving fitness and health and reduce social isolation.

CAVC has received a package of support from UnLtd, including £22,000 to award to young social entrepreneurs, as well as expert help to develop the capacity and skills needed to support them.

Roadworks report

THE Vale Council reports that Old Port Road, Port Road and Brooklands Terrace are subject to a temporary traffic control for highway improvements until July 30.

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Madison raises £400 with charity haircut!

GEM readers may remember that a short while ago, we featured Madison Garland, a 17-year-old student studying at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, who was planning to have her long hair cut for charity.

Madison planned to donate her hair to the charity The Little Princess Trust, which makes wigs for girls who lose their hair while undergoing cancer treatment, and she also wanted to raise money for the charity too.

Well, we are pleased to report that Madison went ahead with her idea, and said goodbye to her long hair on June 17.

She also raised over £400 as a result of donations from supporters.

Madison told The GEM: "I would really like to thank Annette Gill and her team at Salon 100 in Rhoose, who were so supportive.

"As well as cutting my hair, they collected donations on my behalf, and sponsored me!"

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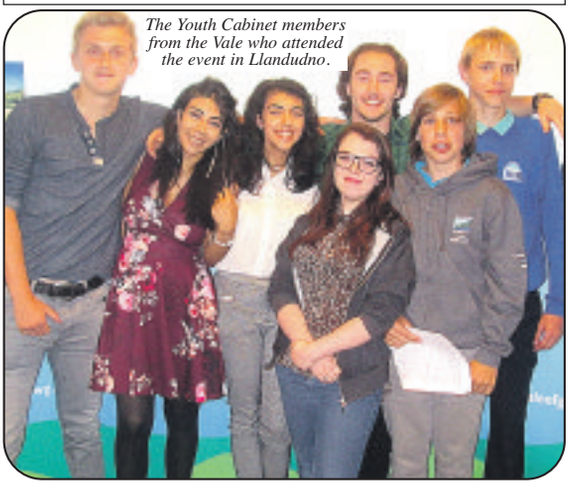

The Youth Cabinet members from the Vale who attended the event in Llandudno.

THE Vale youth council has been recognised for its contribution to improving secondary school transport at this year's Youth Work Week awards.

At an event in Llandudno, report was crowned winner of the 'Young Person led youth ork' project.

The youth cabinet is a team of seven young people aged between 13-21 years old who live, work or go to school in the Vale. They were elected to represent the voice of young people across the county to influence council policy to improve services for young people.

Having identified secondary school transport as an issue in the rural county and potential barrier to many pupils, the planned and co-ordinated an investigation project to help improve the services for school pupils and develop their leadership skills.

The enterprising project was highlighted by the Welsh Government during this year's Youth Work Week (June 23–30) as an excellent example of Wales' vibrant youth service in action.

During the investigation, the youth cabinet members met with a variety of professionals involved in the co-ordination and delivery of the school transport service within the council to address and resolve the transport issues the young people faced across the county.

For more information on Youth Work Week, please visit: http://youthcymru.org.uk/youth-work-week/

Student's beauty bronze!

PICTURED (left to right): CAVC head of hairdressing, beauty and complementary therapies Ceri Evans, Mollie Williams and beauty therapy lecturer Rhianna Evans.

MOLLIE WILLIAMS, a beauty therapy student at Cardiff and Vale College, took the bronze medal at a prestigious competition to find the best trainee beauty therapists in the country.

Mollie won the bronze in the 'VTCT WorldSkills' competition. The 16-year-old from Barry had to compete with almost 20 other young people to provide perfect treatments for hands, face and neck and waxing.

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CONFIDENCE IN BRITAIN'S POST-BREXIT PROSPERITY

Vale MP **ALUN CAIRNS** reports to GEM readers

I'M glad, as I'm sure you are, that the EU Referendum campaign is now over and a result has been delivered.

As many readers will be aware, I campaigned for the UK to stay in the EU because I thought, on balance, that it was the best option for our economy.

The people of Wales and the UK have spoken, however. Their instruction is clear and must be respected. Most importantly, we must look positively to the economic opportunities that Brexit presents, as well as pragmatically at the challenges.

I remain confident for Wales' future prosperity as part of a fundamentally strong UK economy.

If there is any country that can make a long-term success of leaving the EU, it is the UK with our proud tradition as an outward-looking trading nation.

It is the responsibility of politicians and those in public life to focus on our future success, rather than wallowing in the result of the Referendum.

Most importantly, those who, like me, came down on the 'remain' side of the debate should avoid talking our country down or damaging investor-confidence.

Although there has undoubtedly been gloom in parts of politics and the media, the business, university and council leaders I met in recent days have been refreshingly pragmatic.

Indeed, I was struck by the impressive attitude of those I met in the Institute of Directors and the CBI who were already looking positively to the opportunities presented by Brexit, as well as making plans for access to the European market under different trading models.

The business leaders were talking the language of optimism with phrases such as 're-birth of business' being used. One exporter was keen to tell me that 'entrepreneurs thrive on change'.

The university sector in Wales has strong links to Europe, but higher education leaders are already turning their minds to how our expertise and record of attracting students from the wider world might work to strengthen their business models.

It is important to remember that we do have time to get our trading relationship right with Europe, while at the same time looking to negotiate new deals with the rest of the world.

We will not formally leave the EU until after the process set in motion by the triggering of Article 50 has ended.

This means that the EU-affected parts of everyday life will not change for the time being – the benefits and drawbacks of EU membership will remain, until we have technically left.

In this critical moment for our country, we must choose our new relationship with the EU in a cool and measured way, but we must not hesitate in our optimism for Britain's future – or seek to re-open the question of membership.

Negativity about the UK's prospects helps no-one, and division in our society would be gravely and potentially irrevocably exacerbated, if politicians choose to ignore the Referendum result.

Now that the campaign is behind us, it is our duty to accept the result, unite in the interests of the nation, and look forward positively to the future.

We must believe in ourselves and together, take this opportunity to forge a new path, making Wales and Britain even better as we take it.

WHAT'S NEXT?

I am holding a public meeting, 'Brexit: What's next? Q&A with Alun Cairns MP', tomorrow (Friday, July 8), at 6.30pm in the Duke of Wellington Pub, Cowbridge.

It is an opportunity for local people to ask questions about the Government's response to Brexit and to share views, ideas and concerns.

All who live in the Vale are welcome to attend.

PACT meetings

GIBBONSDOWN drop-in – Meet your local officers at Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close, Barry every Monday between 10am and 12 noon.

Illtyd PACT – on Thursday, July 7 at 7.30pm at All Saints' Church Hall, Park Road Barry.

Cadoc – at Waitrose, Palmerston Road Barry between 11am and 1pm on Thursday, July 7.

Rhoose coffee and chat on Monday, July 18 at Fontygary caravan park at 11am.

Hit and run: police appeal

POLICE in Barry are appealing for information, following a hit and run incident on Thursday, June 23.

At about 8.45pm, a 33-year-old man was involved in a collision, with what has been described as a small black car, outside The Mariners Public House on Skomer Road, Barry.

He sustained a broken leg and was admitted to hospital. The vehicle drove off.

Officers are now trying to identify the vehicle and who was driving it at the time of the collision.

Anyone who was in the area at the time and may have seen what happened, or has any other information, is urged to contact the police immediately.

Contact South Wales Police via 101, quoting reference 234711, or call Crimestoppers FREE and anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

The 'Bale of Glamorgan' – for one tournament only!

Thanks to a suggestion by Elis Griffiths, the Vale of Glamorgan has been temporarily renamed 'The Bale of Glamorgan', in honour of Gareth Bale. The suggestion was re-Tweeted hundreds of times and the Vale Council even added to the fun with the photo-shopped image above.

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'Shore frigate' marches through town

HMS Cambria.

OFFICERS and men of HMS Cambria exercised their right to march with arms in the Vale of Glamorgan on June 18.

From the rallying point in King's Square, Barry, the shore frigate's company, with the Band of the Royal Marines, marched through the town to rapturous applause.

The parade began in King's Square, where the Guard Commander invited the Mayor of The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Coun Stuart Egan and Sir Brooke Boothby DL, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, to inspect the Marching Platoon.

The company had been inspected before an address from Commander Steve Fry, Commanding Officer at HMS Cambria, offering thanks for the mutual continued support.

The parade then mustered on the forecourt of the Civic Offices, before Coun Anthony Powell, the Vale's armed forces champion, and Commander Jamie Miller, gave speeches.

The Armed Forces Day Flag was then raised, before renditions of the two national anthems.

Pick up after your pooch!

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council are launching a campaign to remind all dog owners that it is their responsibility to pick up after their pooch and dispose of the package in the nearest bin.

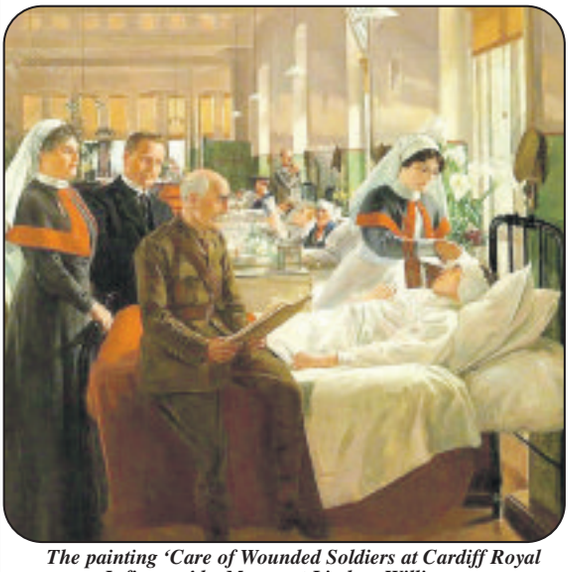
The campaign is a humorous take on the problem of dog mess and the council hopes the message will hit home with those who let their dogs down, by not picking up.

Cloun Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible, leisure and regulatory services, said: "Dog mess is not only unsightly, smelly and a potential health hazard; it's also illegal not to pick up after your dog.

"We know there are lots of caring dog owners out there, who understand the responsibilities, as well as the joys, of being a dog owner.

"We just hope that those dog owners, who don't pick up, get behind the campaign and do the right thing, pick it up and put it in the bin!"

BATTLE OF THE SOMME – IN ART



The painting 'Care of Wounded Soldiers at Cardiff Royal Infirmary' by Margaret Lindsay Williams.

THERE were more than one million people dead and wounded on all sides, including 420,000 British casualties, about 200,000 from France and an estimated 465,000 from Germany, during the Battle of the Somme.

Welsh soldiers wounded during the conflict were brought into Cardiff by train, where they disembarked at Grangetown Station and were then admitted to Cardiff Royal Infirmary for treatment.

The Battle of the Somme was immortalised by official war artists, poets, and soldiers' sketches.

Margaret Lindsay Williams was rejected by David Lloyd George to become an official war artist because she was a woman. Margaret painted *Care of Wounded Soldiers at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary* in 1916. The ward, depicted in the painting was later named the Mametz Ward.

The painting, normally exhibited in Sandhurst Barracks, is currently on loan, forming part of an exhibition 'War's Hell! The Battle of Mametz Wood in Art' at the National Museum Cardiff until September 4.

Costain VINCI saddles up for Ty Hafan

Costain VINCI cyclists starting their Paris bike ride from Tŷ Hafan in Sully.

A TEAM of cyclists from Costain VINCI has undertaken an epic 370-mile bike ride to Paris – to raise vital funds towards a new garden project being built at Tŷ Hafan.

The challenge, which started from the children's hospice in Sully on June 29 forms part of a new partnership with the charity, as the engineering provider will be designing and constructing the garden in the grounds of the hospice.

Twenty-seven cyclists, with six support drivers, pedalled around 120 miles a day aiming to reach the Eiffel Tower on July 2.

Funds raised from the bike ride will also benefit Cystic Fibrosis Trust – Costain VINCI's charity of the year.

Brian Greaves, senior community relations manager for Costain VINCI, said: "Our target is to raise £10,000 for for the charities and every member of the team has contributed towards the cost of the travel so that every penny raised will go towards these fantastic causes."

Barry Woodman, Project Director for the Costain VINCI Joint Venture, said: "The proposal to redesign and develop the garden and surrounding woodlands at Tŷ Hafan was well within our skillsets and those of our design partners at Arup and Atkins. We are really pleased to be supporting this outstanding children's charity."

Work on the project is due to start in August and will include a memorial garden, an 'enchanted woodland', a viewing platform and sensory features such as musical instruments and 'bug benches.'

Thanksgiving service at Amelia Trust

AMELIA Trust Farm is holding a thanksgiving service to celebrate 25 years of working as a charity with disadvantaged and vulnerable people.

The service will celebrate the good work that has been done over the past 25 years, and showcase the present success with young people as well as looking to the future.

There will be testimonies from some of the volunteers who have been involved from the beginning and Jane Hutt AM has agreed to attend to say a few words on how the Farm benefits the local community.

The service will be held at Amelia Trust Farm at 7pm on Tuesday, July 12 and all are welcome to come along. Please email general@ameliatrust.org.uk or telephone 01446 782030.

Rev Delyth Liddell
(Chaplain to Amelia Trust Farm)

History meeting

THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society will be on July 18 at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenig CF32 9RF.

The speaker will be Tom Phelps, who will speak on the humour of the valleys; doors open 7pm, talk starts 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Valeways walks

ON Tuesday, July 12 at 1.30pm, 'Clifftop Views', starting at Porthkerry Country Park outside the cafe.

On Wednesday, July 13 at 10.30am, the Barry coffee shop strollers meet at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

University Health board's scheme to 'understand patients'

PATIENTS, the public and staff are invited to 'play their parts' in improving care in the Vale.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board has launched a survey on its website and will run public consultation events in September under the slogan 'In Your Shoes.'

For more information, or to take part in the survey, visit www.cardiffandvaleuhb.wales.nhs.uk.

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Madame Sian El's pupils top of the language class!

Pupils at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg celebrate the completion of their French course.

LEFT: Pupils at Ysgol Sant Curig are pictured with their awards.

A NATIONAL foreign-language programme, with branches in Cowbridge and Barry, has won a prestigious international award for the third year running.

La Jolie Ronde scooped the prize for Best National Activity for five to 12-year-olds at the 'What's On 4 Juniors Awards 2016'.

Sian Elin Jones, known as Madame Sian El to her pupils, who runs these French classes in both Cowbridge and Barry, said: "We are absolutely delighted to win this award for the third year running. It makes it even more special as it's the parents and children that have voted for us."

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'Mametz Wood' on stage at National Museum Cardiff

THIS month marks the centenary of the Battle of Mametz Wood, one of the most significant and bloody battles fought by Welsh soldiers during the First World War.

It is being brought into focus on stage in Cardiff.

InterAct (Wales) in partnership with Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales (NMW) Cardiff will stage its production *Mametz Wood* in the Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre at National Museum Cardiff on Saturday, July 9 (1pm, 3pm, 6pm) and Sunday, July 10 (1pm, 3pm).

Entry is free and the production is suitable for those aged eight years old and over.

Written by Lyon Devereux and produced by InterAct (Wales), a theatre company based in north Wales, the production premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2014 and gained four-star reviews.

Set at the Battle of Mametz Wood in 1916, it follows the stories of a small group of soldiers from the Welsh 38th Division and the moral dilemma of a nurse stationed behind the front line.

The theatre performance is part of the events programme which accompanies the exhibition 'War's Hell!: The Battle of Mametz Wood in Art' on at the museum until September 4, which explores art, poetry and writing by those who witnessed the battle first-hand and others who have since responded to it.

The event forms part of NMW's programme to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. The Cymru'n Cofio – Wales Remembers 1914–1918 programme and related activities are supported by Welsh Government, the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Armed Forces Community Covenant Fund and other donors.

Emma Routley, First World War coordinator, NMW, said: "We're delighted to have InterAct (Wales) performing the production here at the museum to mark exactly 100 years since the battle.

"The play captures the experiences of the soldiers at Mametz and the bravery and sacrifice of Welsh troops in the First World War.

"There is also an opportunity to visit the exhibition in the museum, which shares soldiers' experiences through their art, poetry and literature."

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New endoscopy room to improve patient care...

LEFT: Rosemary Goldsmith opening the new endoscopy room.

A NEW endoscopy room to create extra capacity for patients awaiting procedures in Cardiff and the Vale has been officially opened.

The 'Rosemary Goldsmith' room is in the endoscopy unit at University Hospital Llandough (UHL).

Named after a retired nursing sister who helped set up endoscopy at UHL, the room is fitted with new endoscopy equipment including a high-definition monitor, endoscopes and a computer for generating procedure reports.

The equipment will be used to investigate patients with stomach and bowel symptoms and also for bowel cancer screening.

The new room and equipment will enable Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to provide hundreds of additional procedures to patients each year. These include additional upper GI endoscopy, colonoscopy and sigmoidoscopy procedures.

The new room brings the total number of endoscopy rooms across the health board to six, with four placed at UHL and two at University Hospital of Wales. The team currently carries out 10,000 procedures per year and is hoping to increase this to around 13,000 a year.

The additional facilities cost £750,000 and the health board has also employed an additional five nurses to support patients in it, complementing the 20 existing nursing staff who work in endoscopy.

It is hoped the new facility and additional funding will improve current waiting times for endoscopy patients across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

System keeps dental patients in the loop

THE University Dental Hospital in Cardiff has recently installed 'hearing loop' systems in all its reception areas, making it easier for those with hearing impairments to communicate efficiently and confidentially.

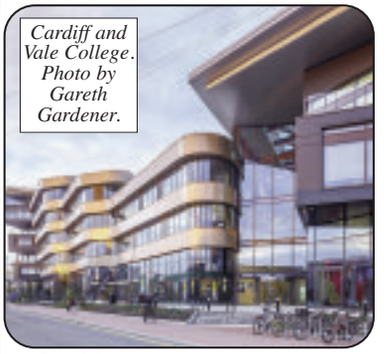
A hearing loop is a special type of sound system for use by people with hearing aids.

The hearing loop provides a wireless signal that is picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to 'T' setting which cuts out background noise allowing sound to go straight into the hearing aid.

In addition to the hearing loop systems, a number of portable Sonido personal listeners are also available for hearing aid and non hearing aid wearers to use throughout the dental hospital.

The Sonido personal listener acts like an amplifier and is designed to help people hear conversations and other sounds more clearly.

ABOVE: Jeni Bone (left) from Action on Hearing loss, with Chris Dyer from Penarth, demonstrating a Sonido personal listening device.



Cardiff and Vale College. Photo by Gareth Gardener.

College campus is shortlisted for architecture award

A STRIKING wedge-shaped further education campus in Cardiff has been shortlisted for this year's National Eisteddfod of Wales' Gold Medal for Architecture.

The building, part of Cardiff and Vale College, is located on a two-hectare site and draws inspiration from characteristic Cardiff arcades.

Supported by the Design Commission for Wales, and awarded in association with the Royal Society of Architects in Wales, the medal recognises architectural excellence in buildings completed between January 1, 2013 and March 14, 2016 and recognised as being of the greatest merit.

The winning design will be announced on July 30,

Great outdoors through an expert's lens

JUNE brought to a conclusion the sequence of weekly meetings of members of The Vale Photographic Club.

At the beginning of the month we had a presentation by local professional photographer Nick Jenkins, whose first love is landscape photography.

His workshops in Anglesey, west and mid Wales, the Lake District and Channel Islands, attract amateur photographers throughout the UK, but we were treated to his own work captured in these and many other locations.

He shared with us many tips about how the photographer can enhance the photographic presentation of 'the great outdoors'.

June also marks our annual awards night: among several achievements which we recognise each year, we recall the images which our visiting judges chose as their winners in our six monthly club competitions.

'Winner of Winners' awards went to members Mike Davies for prints and Nick Craddock for digital images.

Another annual event held in June is the club's AGM. A well-attended meeting heard reports on the year's work of the committee and its officers and we heard of ideas from those present on possible content for future meetings and started planning for prestigious exhibitions to be held next year.

The month finished with 'Chairman's Night' entitled 'Camera Golf,' in which members practised using the controls on their cameras to obtain photographs of 'flags' on 'greens' that were in various combinations of in and out of focus.

Next sessions meetings start on September 2. For further information on the club, which is open to ages 16 and over, visit our website at http://www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk. We meet every Friday from September to July at 7.15pm at Ystradowen Village Hall.

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Comedy is Absolutely anything but Fabulous

ONE of the better sitcoms to emerge from the BBC in the 1990s was *Absolutely Fabulous*, Jennifer Saunders' satire of the world of fashion and PR which developed quite a following.

Given the success of *The Inbetweeners*, the decision to make a film from the series isn't a surprising one – this time around Edina (Saunders) is struggling financially, and matters are made worse when she inadvertently knocks Kate Moss from a balcony, possible killing the supermodel.

Made a global pariah, Edina and Patsy (Joanna Lumley) go on the run to Cannes and come up with a scheme to ensure they need never return to Britain – or worry about money – ever again...

The old rule of when British sitcoms become films, the characters have to go on holiday is only partially obeyed here, the second half of *Absolutely Fabulous* taking place in the beautiful environs of Cannes.

However, the other rule (that the film version of the sitcom overreaches with its ambitions) is wholly true here, in a film that, while it has its moments, is all too clumsily plotted and more 'miss' than 'hit'.

In Edina and Patsy you have two characters that age won't diminish; still trying to stay relevant, still trying to skew younger than they are and still emptying the nation's reserves of Bollinger. Seeing them unleashed on the big screen should be a thrill – and yet, for all the razor-sharp one-liners that are delivered, it doesn't thrill anywhere near as much as it should.

The blame for this comes very much from the narrative, two cobbled together plots that feel like they should be two halves of one TV-sized special rather than a move in its own right. Neither story really engages, and the resolutions to various subplots are resolved with a nonchalant wink or reference to something offscreen.

There are celebrity cameos coming out of the pores of this film, everyone from Joan Collins to Emma Bunton, Lulu (whose accent over the course of the film manages to travel from London to Glasgow in record time) to Jean Paul Gaulthier, and of course Kate Moss (better stick to the modelling darling); yet those inessential to the story's machinations fail to do much other than showcase the depth of Jennifer Saunders' phone book.

It's not all doom and gloom – the central duo of Saunders and Joanna Lumley are hilarious when the script affords them the opportunity, with Lumley getting the choicest cuts and devouring them with relish.

Alongside them Jane Horrocks' Bubble is even more random and out there than ever, all the while underpinned by Julia Sawalha's quiet frustration with her mother's antics.

Director Mandie Fletcher's work in television means that the film doesn't quite have the cinematic feel needed, though there are a few well-defined set-pieces (a chase through Cannes) that broaden the scope of proceedings. However, it feels poorly-edited (witness how Jon Hamm runs through several hair styles in the course of one scene) and you can't help but feel the lack of attention to detail is indicative of the film as a whole.

The characters are as madcap as ever – but there's no real story for them to engage with, and the satire is blunted to the point of caricature. It all feels too rushed and unfocused, meaning that this film is Absolutely anything but Fabulous.

VERDICT: A disappointing step up to the big screen, *Absolutely Fabulous* has its moments (chiefly courtesy of Joanna Lumley) but they are few and far between. It's a film that feels unfocused and rushed, and, unfortunately, fails to live up to the quality of the TV series, far too much 'miss' and nowhere near enough 'hit'. *Poor*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Devil Wears Prada* (2008), *The Inbetweeners* (2011).

by GARETH JAMIESON

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Regional AM joins in NFU Cymru's 'Celebration of Welsh Food'

ABOVE:
Andrew RT Davies (on right) at the event, with local Glamorgan farmers, Jonathan Huntley and Richard Isaac.

THE NFU Cymru 'Celebration of Welsh Food' took place at the Senedd last week and local Glamorgan farmers were joined by South Wales Central AM, Andrew RT Davies.

Mr Davies joined Glamorgan NFU members and farmers to recognise Welsh food and the important role local farmers play in the process.

Commenting after attending the event, Mr Davies, said: "It was great to see so many local Glamorgan NFU members attend the Senedd last week to join with politicians, third party organisations and other farmers in showcasing the wonders of Welsh food.

"The farming community plays a vital role in the production of Welsh food and makes a significant contribution in preserving the countryside.

"Well done and congratulations to NFU Cymru, for putting on such a successful event in the National Assembly and demonstrating the very best of Welsh food and Welsh farming."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Free advice

AN adviser from Age Connects Cardiff and Vale welfare rights service will be available on Tuesday, July 12 (9.30am – 11.30am.

Come along to the Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry or contact 01446 732385 for further information; home visits can be arranged.

Blind Veterans UK helps blind ex-Service men and women lead independent lives. Age Connects is holding an information session on July 12 from 10am – 12pm; no appointment needed. (Contact details as above).

Music at lunchtime

AS part of Penarth Summer Festival, 'Music at Lunchtime' performances take place at All Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth from 1pm to 2pm on the following dates:

Monday, July 11, Lucas Dwyer, piano; Tuesday, July 12, Philip Heyman (viola) and Alison Dite (piano); Wednesday, July 13, John Lewis (guitar and vocals); Thursday, July 14, August Guan (organ and harpsichord); Friday, July 15, Clare Gardner and community musicians.

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Weatherman on the trail for Valeways!

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TV's Derek Brockway is the new Valeways president.

The BBC Wales weatherman is a leading enthusiast for walking in Wales, notably via his TV series 'Weatherman Walking.'

He said: "I was born in the Vale, in Barry; I have walked the Valeways trails. The charity does an amazing job in keeping the paths of the Vale open, and encouraging people from all walks of life to use them. So I am very happy to champion the charity's work as they start their third decade. I look forward to a fruitful association."

That association will kick off with a Valeways birthday party at Porthkerry Country Park on Saturday, July 16. During the morning, four different groups of walkers will set out from varied points in the Vale, converging on the Park at around 1.30pm. Well-earned refreshments will be available.

The new president cut a ceremonial cake.

Valeways chairman, Phil Gibbins, said: "We have huge pleasure in welcoming Derek. For us, it is the icing on our birthday cake. Over the 20 years, Valeways has maintained some 550 kilometers of walkways, and encouraged thousands of people to use them.

"We are very proud of what we have achieved and Derek's enthusiasm for our work gives us every encouragement to keep going."

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Summer fair

THE St John's Church summer fair takes place on Saturday, July 9 on Newton Green with the Porthcawl Ukelele Band, Elindia's Belly Dancing Troupe and The Performance House entertaining us with the annual tug of war between the Jolly Sailor and the Ancient Briton rounding off the day.

There will be refreshments, country market, l'Oreal products, cakes, jewellery, toys, fashion accessories, tombola, raffle, books and bric-a-brac. For the children a bouncy castle, face painting, football games, splat the rat and find the egg.

Lee Jukes from Bridge FM is going to call in during the afternoon. The church bells will ring at 11.30am and the fair will be opened at 12 noon.

Toys and trains

CARDIFF toy and train sale will be held on July 9 at 10.30am to 3pm in Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan.

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "We now offer 120 tables with more than 50 traders from all over the UK."

Call 01643 702757, 07966 694579 or see www.chrisdyerfairs.co.uk.

Community Council

THE St Brides Major Community Council is holding its monthly meeting on Monday, July 11 at All Saints' Church, Southerndown at 7pm with invited guest Mr Jonathan Twamley, construction director of Barretts David Wilson.

British Legion Barry

THE next meeting of the Barry Royal British Legion branch will be on Monday, July 11 at 2.30pm in the Barry Town Council Chambers, next to the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome.

Anti-litter group

THE Love Cowbridge/Hate Litter group, in conjunction with Keep Wales Tidy, is holding a meeting at the Duke of Wellington on July 12 at 7pm.

Volunteers are sought to help with monthly litterpicks in the town.

Cowbridge U3A meeting

THE next Cowbridge U3A meeting will be entitled 'The Air Ambulance', by Catrin Hall, at 2pm on Wednesday, July 13 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

There is a small fee for visitors, which includes refreshments.

National Trust Association

A DAY trip is planned on Wednesday, July 20 to Aberglasney and the National Botanic Garden departing at 9.15am from behind the Town Hall.

£22 to include group entry fees of £7.25 and £6 for members, and £23 for non members. Email vofgant@gmail.com if you are interested.

Friendship Tree Fest

ART4U will hold their seventh annual Friendship Tree Festival at Knap Lake and gardens, Barry on Sunday, July 24 – and this year the event will feature talented local musicians and dancers, together with a few guest surprises.

Artists performing include: Hank Hillman, the Danielle Nicholls Band, The Dennin Snakes, The Barry Community Choir and Tenovus Choir, Phoenix Arising and Persian Bells dance groups, Naomi Rae Heap, Andrew Skelton, Paul and Tom Duggan with Eddy, Ben Dain-Smith, Dylan Morgan, Tony Crescie and more to be confirmed.

The theme of the festival is 'Friendship' and members of Enfys craft fair and 'Ceramics for Everyone' will be displaying their artwork and running workshops.

Free entry; donations warmly received. Visit www.art4uwales.org.uk for more information.

MP's surgeries

Chris Elmore MP for Ogmore, will be holding advice surgeries on the following dates.

Those unable to attend the surgeries, can contact his office on 01656 860034, or email chris.elmore.mp@parliament.uk.

July 8: Ogmore Vale Life Centre, 5pm – 7pm.

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For more information, visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens.

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THE Children's Society's annual Penarth Open Gardens Trail takes place on Saturday and Sunday, July 30 – 31.

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Get your skates on to vote!

GLAMORGAN Artistic Roller Skating Club has been nominated and accepted to try for a grant of £25,000 to buy a minibus.

The minibus would enable the club to help under-privileged children to take part in more competitions all over the country, and to expand the club's programme.

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DONNA DALY (coach).

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D938.

- **£2,000:** 545822.
- **The rollover of £10,000 was not won this week.**
- **£10:** 106348, 328702, 309271, 725191, 291072, 425010, 210151, 859715, 377863, 702621, 300224, 767845, 353013, 722587, 759434, 600438, 556584, 652566, 1212.
- **£5:** 100767, 922919, 897877, 170377, 222035, 206105, 368022, 842168, 208729, 420269, 973930, 482573, 859271, 555653, 388234, 101814, 760380, 315757, 857389, 232355, 670527, 768879, 836914, 280701, 656969, 302115, 274203, 148191, 637280, 554238, 153606, 172378, 362262, 417547, 996937, 426084, 973936, 337486, 463610, 885437, 549740, 983264, 963300, 724938, 375647, 816815, 141182, 570978, 366711, 216001, 884186, 493214, 131947, 244420, 229708, 396892, 378101, 694412, 816813, 560453, 5483.

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

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Rotarians start the duck race!

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Approximately 400 plastic ducks swam down the stream in two separate heats and winners were Joshua Bourne (duck No 420 – purchased at the Charity Dragon Boat Race in Cosmeston Park) and Aimee Delaney (duck No 143), each winning a £10 cash prize.

The first five ducks in each heat then swam again in the 'grand final' which was won by duck No 43, owned by John Askam, who received a £50 cash prize, kindly donated by past president Richard Gibbons.

The event, organised by Rotary Club past president Robin Pitcher, raised £312 and all proceeds went to Rotary and Inner Wheel charities. After the race, members enjoyed an excellent meal in the Fox & Hounds restaurant.

'Career Ready' students graduate

The 'Career Ready' graduates.

CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC) played host to 15 students as they graduated from the 'Career Ready' programme with friends, parents, mentors and tutors attending.

The ceremony was held in the Classroom, the College's restaurant and students were presented with a certificate for completing the programme, presented by former Wales international and current captain of the Gwent Dragons, T Rhys Thomas.

Career Ready is a UK-wide charity linking employers with schools and colleges to open up the world of work to young people aged 16-19.

Megan Harrington, (19) from Barry Island, was earlier named UK Career Ready Student of the Year.

Megan is now to take up an internship with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, a leading international law firm.

"Career Ready changed my life and I really enjoyed the experience," said Megan.

"I'd always wanted to go into law but I didn't have the confidence but Career Ready gave me that and the belief that I could do it. I'm now going to the University of Greenwich to study for a degree."

CAVC's Career Ready co-ordinator, Tracy Bird, said: "The Career Ready programme here in Cardiff has produced some of the most talented learners in the country and we are hugely proud of every one of them.

"We hope to build on those successes to grow the programme across departments to ensure that all of our learners have the same valuable experience which they can take with them throughout their careers."

'BUSINESS AS USUAL' DOWN ON THE FARM

NFU Cymru has welcomed clarity from EU agriculture commissioner Phil Hogan around the current situation for Welsh farmers in the wake of the EU Referendum exit vote.

Writing in a letter to NFU Cymru president Stephen James, Phil Hogan confirmed that the UK "would remain a full member of the EU, with all the rights and obligations" this entails, until Article 50 discussions are completed.

Mr Hogan explained that, for the time being, Welsh farmers will "continue to have full access to CAP support schemes and to the EU internal market".

The letter also stresses that Welsh farmers and paying authorities will have to comply with all existing EU legislation.

Mr James stated: "This communication from the commissioner is welcome news and provides clarity during these uncertain times. The message to Welsh farmers is simple – it's very much business as usual for the time being.

Mr James continued: "While the peace of mind that this message brings is welcome, it is also important to stress that Welsh farmers must continue to operate under the same conditions that they were previously.

"Existing rules – and the penalties that come with failing to comply with them – will continue to apply for the foreseeable future. The result of the EU Referendum vote does not change anything in that regard."

He said that NFU Cymru will continue to play a leading role in discussions in the wake of the exit vote and the organisation will keep members informed of developments as and when they happen.

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The role of the Mayor's Scout Troop is to support the Town Mayor at civic events throughout the mayor's term of office.

Events include the Remembrance Day parade and service and the Christmas candlelight service

This is a new initiative that was introduced this year to members of the Cubs, Scouts and Explorers that have achieved their 'gold' award.

RNLI rescues 11 people – all stranded on Sully Island

PENARTH'S RNLI crews had a busy weekend, with two call-outs, one 'Sea Sunday' service and a training exercise taking place.

On July 2, just after 3pm, crews were paged to reports of people trapped on Sully Island by the incoming tide.

Allowing for the weather conditions and the rough sea, the larger 'Atlantic' class lifeboat attended and rescued three people from the island.

On July 3, crew members and RNLI supporters took part in the annual 'Sea Service' on Penarth's seafront. Soon after the service ended, crews were once again called to Sully Island.

A further eight people were rescued from the island, again cut off by an encroaching tide.

Despite the earlier call-out, Sunday evening saw the crews of both lifeboats take part in a planned exercise at Sully and Flatholm Islands, which included both navigation tasks and the evacuation of a casualty.

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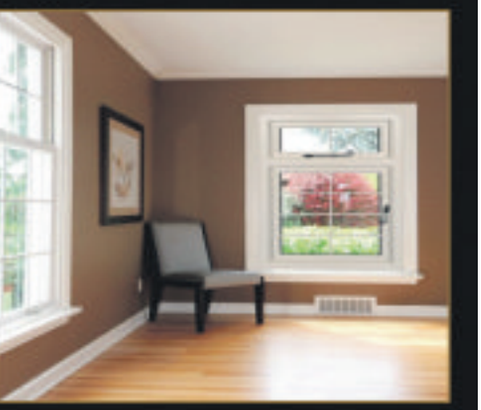

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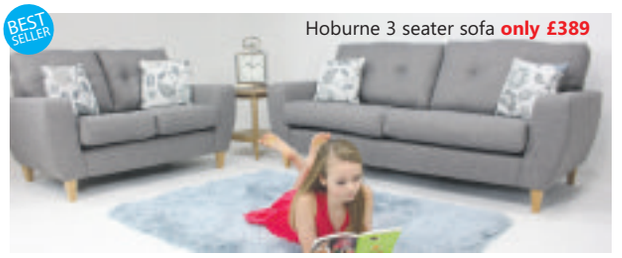

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'Why democratic vote must stand'

I READ with incredulity the letter from Coun Richard Bertin, published in last week's edition of The GEM.

As clearly did Coun Bertin, I too voted to remain within the EU, and my sentiments on learning of the outcome were not wholly dissimilar to his expression of 'devastation'.

I also agree with him that there are several facets of the EU that I find to be unacceptable, and that the only way to change any number of them was to seek to do so by retaining our membership.

However, the fact is inescapable that the electorate – doubtless including many of those to whom he expresses sympathy for the outcome – decided that we should not remain within the EU.

Moreover, amongst the 17 million who were seemingly convinced by the Brexit arguments were doubtless 'working class' people (much as I dislike class differentiation) with whom Coun Bertin expresses added sympathy to his own chagrin for the outcome of the Referendum.

Why would David Cameron have decided that a Referendum (the holding of which was included in the manifesto of the Conservative party previous to the last general election), was necessary, in part, to appease the UKIP party?

It patently cannot be denied that there has been, for some considerable time, a faction within the Conservative party who have railed against our continued participation within the EU; but what has become evident is that there are elements within other political parties who are like minded.

Oh, and so are seemingly the majority within those who voted, no doubt including many whom Coun Bertin represents within his ward.

As doubtless is the view of Coun Bertin, hindsight leads me to wish that the outcome of the Referendum had not been as it was, but the reality is that the issue was and would have remained 'a festering sore,' not only in Westminster, but seemingly with the majority of the electorate – as the outcome rather demonstrated.

To reiterate, I don't care for the result, but see no purpose whatsoever being gained in criticising those whom Coun Bertin erroneously blames for the outcome.

By doing so, he actually seems to imply denying the electorate its democratic right, which doesn't seem 'to square' with a facet of the same democratic process which led to the councillor's own election.

Andrew Marchant,
Llanmaes.

Remembering the tears of friendship

I WAS very interested to read the letter and photograph sent to you by my friend, Mrs Sue Bowyer, and published in your newspaper on June 23.

It concerned the first visit of the Rheinfelden civic dignitaries and choirs to Barry in 1969, some 24 years after the end of World War Two.

Mrs Bowyer comments on the moving ceremony at the Barry War Memorial when her father, Mayor of Barry Coun Ken Miles, and a civic representative of Rheinfelden, laid wreaths in memory of the men, women and children who lost their lives in the conflict.

I was privileged to be present at this ceremony as a member of the Barry Male Choir and recall how emotional were the various ceremonies with the respective choirs singing hymns separately and also together.

During my time as a chorister, the conductors were the late Leslie Tusler and his successor, Douglas Baxter, both of whom were keen linguists, who ensured our pronunciation of German (and a number of other languages) was of a high standard, and the many wonderful exchange visits between our twin towns developed quickly into numerous close friendships that continue to this day.

The BMVC arranged for a large banner 'Friendship through Music', and its German translation, to be made and this was displayed at the joint concerts in Barry and Rheinfelden.

Long may these friendships continue through our families linked together, to counteract the recent bitter outbursts by some during and following the Referendum debates.

I recall how apprehensive the German party was at coming to Barry just 24 years after the terrible World War Two carnage and after being hosted in our homes, there was clearly a sense of shame at how a great nation was misled by the Nazi dictatorship.

My late wife and our two children escorted our two German guests to the farewell function at Bindles Ballroom the day before the German party returned, and I can honestly say that I have never before or since experienced such a wonderful atmosphere.

There were many tears as we waved our new friends farewell, but not goodbye.

W Haydn Burgess,
Patron and past chairman, BMVC Barry.

'Brexit young were led like lemmings'

THE GEM and its correspondents are to be congratulated on an incisive and enlightened postbag of June 30, in response to the impact of the Brexit vote on the future of the young.

The point that 70-plus per cent of the 18 -24 age group who voted supported 'remain', is well made.

When further analysis is derived, it will also be evident that school-leavers at 16 heavily supported 'leave', but those educated post-18 voted to remain by a very large majority.

Is it too big a conclusion to suggest that one group were more intelligent and realists, alert to the world around them etc, while another was so easily led like lemmings via a plethora of half truths, misinformation and downright lies – and were not able to assimilate, among other elements – the warnings from all the major financial authorities?

It might also be construed as unfortunate, that on the same page, Ms Turner, presumably to re-enforce the democratic right to exercise an individual Referendum vote, irrespective of the impact on others, reminds "the whining young" that their great grandfathers died in pursuit of such cause.

Is it lost on the writer that the thousands of 'martyred', men who, as history records, were unnecessarily sacrificed, were of the very same age group, that she disparages, i.e. largely the 18-24 age group of their time?

In the dreadful Battle of the Somme, it seems, that their loss and willingness to give up their lives, was, largely, a result of brave words; threats; misinformation and jingoistic half truths proffered by a sometimes arrogant and inept class of Great War generals, similar in age and other aspects to the Brexit 'commanders'.

They too seemed bereft of a longer term plan or awareness of the implications and impact of the counter-actions of the highly aware and efficient Germans, in defending their trenches?

There is, of course, no comparison in respect to the magnitude, or in terms of the nature of the events, but will there be an analogy, somewhere, between the respective impact of War and Referendum in Europe on the prosperity and well-being of British populations of the 1920s and 2020s?

Steve Whitehead,
Ogmore by Sea.

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Yn dilyn llwyddiant Gŵyl Fach y Fro llynedd, mae Menter Bro Morgannwg yn falch iawn i gyhoeddi y gwelwyd cynnydd sylweddol yn nifer yr ymwelwyr i'r ŵyl yn ei ail blwyddyn.

Daeth dros 3,000 o ymwelwyr i fwynhau'r ŵyl rhad ac am ddim yma ar Ynys y Barri ddydd Sadwrn – cynnydd o bron i 80% i'w gymharu â llynedd (1,700).

Gyda chefnogaeth Llywodraeth Cymru, Cyngor Celfyddydau Cymru a Chyngor Bro Morgannwg, roedd modd ehangu llawer ar arlwy'r diwrnod – am y tro cyntaf eleni roedd stondinau crefft a chynnyrch Cymraeg, bar, stondinau bwyd, adloniant stryd, ac amryw o weithdai crefft, syrcas a chwaraeon – ac fe roedd yr ymateb i'r datblygiadau newydd yma'n wych.

Roedd y line-up yn cynnwys rhai o artistiaid mwyaf blaengar y sín gerddoriaeth Gymraeg – gan gynnwys Meic Stevens, Sorela a Swnami – ac roedd nifer o'r artistiaid yma'n dod i berfformio ar Ynys y Barri am y tro cyntaf erioed. Roedd hefyd yn gyfle arbennig i roi llwyfan i artistiaid lleol – Hanna Morgan a Lost in Chemistry (enillwyr Brwydr y Bandiau Maes B/C2 2015).

Wrth siarad am lwyddiant yr ŵyl eleni, dywedodd Siân Lewis, Prif Weithredwr Menter Bro Morgannwg:

Ry'n ni wrth ein bodd gyda llwyddiant Gŵyl Fach y Fro eleni. Mae'r niferoedd ddaeth i fwynhau yr Ŵyl yn brawf ein bod wedi llwyddo i greu gŵyl sydd ag apêl eang i Gymry Cymraeg a di-Gymraeg y Barri – a thu hwnt. Ein targed eleni oedd denu 2,500 o bobl ac ry'n ni wedi cyrraedd tu hwnt i'r targed hynny gyda dros 3,000 yn mynychu. Roedd mwy o weithgareddau a mwy o bartneriaid na llynedd. Mae Gŵyl Fach y Fro wedi tyfu oherwydd ymateb i'r galw cynyddol yn y Fro am gyfleoedd i gymdeithasu a mwynhau'r iaith Gymraeg.

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Ramblers take challenging 'Three Castles' in their stride

SEVEN walkers joined William from Penarth and District Ramblers on a slightly overcast mid-summer morning and set off from Skenfrith Castle in hot and humid conditions to tramp the annual Three Castles Walk which links the Norman strongholds of Skenfrith, White and Grosmont castles and contains some 80 stiles to clamber over.

Following a quiet country lane towards Norton Court and crossing a footbridge over a stream, then the busy B4521, a climb through fields to Lade Farm led onto an old farm track and a narrow road past Traveller's Rest Wood, then another farm track to the site of the derelict Traveller's Rest Inn, once an important staging post on the route to Abergavenny.

Climbing through fields past Little and Great Llan-llwyd farms, before purchasing free range eggs at Middle Cwm Farm, the route led them on towards Llyros Wood and Tump Farm.

More fields and a steep flight of steps into a sunken lane led them to Pear Tree Barn for more purchases, this time duck eggs and local honey, prior to lunch in the beautiful grounds of the ruined White Castle.

Descending through long grassed fields and crossing the Trerew Brook, a short walk along the B4521 led to a bridge over the River Trothy and through riverside meadows into the beautiful manicured grounds of the Glen Trothy Estate.

Reaching Llanfair Gilgoed and pausing at St Mary's Church where water is left for weary travellers, more fields being cut by the farmer for hay led on through ripening wheat fields, and wading across a small stream and passing through an orchard, the large hump of Graig Syfyrddin hailed their next climb.

Some of the group took the easier option tramping by road to reach Grosmont, while the remainder began the slog up the steep hill before resting in the shade of a line of trees, to admire the sweeping views back to the Black Mountains.

Following a forest track before descending steeply through an abandoned farmyard into Grosmont, and re-grouping at the Angel Inn, two of the group left at this point.

Heading downhill past Little Cross Farm, they climbed through a lovely beech wood, passing banks of pretty foxgloves and went out into bright evening sunshine before heading down to fields beside the River Monnow, Trevonny Farm and then uphill to Rickets Wood.

Their first glimpse of Skenfrith Castle was of it nestled in the trees below, and descending and crossing a stream, at last the weary travellers reached journey's end.

On July 7, the evening walk will leave Dinas Powys village square at 7pm for a four-mile easy walk taking in the Salmon Leaps; contact Sue J on 029 2070 2901.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 20255102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Fairies descend upon library

COWBRIDGE library recently hosted a 'Midsummer Fairy Evening', where children enjoyed an evening of magical storytelling and creative crafts.

The bright and welcoming work space of Cowbridge library was made even brighter, as 20 children, aged between three and nine, making fairy castles, peg fairies, and even a set of their own wings on which they could fly home following the event.

The evening was part of a series of events that have run throughout the year. These have included a Roald Dahl night, a Harry Potter night and an Alice in Wonderland evening.

Library staff are now busy planning activities for the 'Summer Reading Challenge', which begins on Saturday, July 16. The theme for this year is 'The Big Friendly Read' – inspired by the books of Roald Dahl.

For additional information on Cowbridge library, visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/libraries.

Chief executive of WRU visits St Athan school

Ralph O'Carroll receives his sports shield from Martyn Phillips.

Martyn Phillips presents the sports award to Mollie Beavan.

MARTYN Phillips, the chief executive of the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) visited St Athan Primary School recently.

He spent the morning with the year-6 pupils including a talk about his role at the WRU, new experiences since taking on the position and the importance of aiming high and working hard to achieve your goals.

A question-and-answer session followed in which the year-6 pupils quizzed Mr Phillips who also presented the school's top sports awards for 2015-16 to Mollie Beavan and Ralph O'Carroll.

Headteacher Mrs Haynes said: "It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to find our about such an important role in Welsh rugby and to think about their own aspirations for the future."

Book to chronicle a changing Colwinston

COLWINSTON Community Council announced on July 5, it was granted £3,200 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a book entitled 'A Changing Village'.

The project is intended to show the current village and its residents to create some of the history of the village as seen through the eyes of the older generation.

The story will continue up to the present and the continuing development.

Colwinston, a rural village, has had a long history, which can be traced back almost as far as the Bronze Age – witness the hoard of Bronze Age axe heads found recently, and with the old Roman road (A48) running along the northern boundary adding that aspect to its history.

Work on the book will start immediately using current photographs of their homes submitted by villagers, together with the memories of the village's past as seen through the eyes of longer-term residents.

Volunteers of all ages are invited to join the team that will conduct interviews and assist in the book's compilation.

It is hoped that the end result will be a book which, thanks the grant from the HLF, will ensure a free copy can be made available to all residents of Colwinston.

Commenting on the award, Geoff Bates, the Colwinston Community Council chairman, said: "We are delighted to have received the support of the HLF and are confident the project will produce a fascinating and personal record of past and present life in this rural community."

Summer fete at Llandow

LLANDOW summer fete is on Saturday, July 16 at 2pm at Llandow village hall, and will be opened by Dr Rhys Jones of BBC Wales' *Rhys to the Rescue*.

There will also be a guest appearance by Olaf from *Frozen*!

Adults £1, children under 16 free, with a licenced bar, barbecue, music, competitions, stalls including cakes and home produce, books, tombola and plants.

There will be an auction, with details on the website: *www.freetocharities.org.uk/lvh* during the week before the fete. Bids are welcome and can be emailed to *alanbiddiscombe@hotmail.com*. The highest bid received for each item will be the starting bid at the fete auction on Saturday, July 16.

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Library campaigner in by-election win

'SAVE Rhoose Library' campaigner Adam Riley won the village's Vale Council by-election on Thursday, June 30.

Coun Riley, who lives in East Aberthaw with his partner and two children, is a civil servant and led the Save Rhoose Library campaign for two years.

Prior to his election Coun Riley had expressed concerns at the lack of infrastructure in Rhoose.

"Population growth due to housing development has pushed Rhoose towards the size of a small town. And yet I see none of the benefits of a town – decent infrastructure, a local economy, open spaces for children to play safely.

"All I see are more houses. Plans for future development in the ward must be examined and challenged much more rigorously to make sure that they will include what is so badly needed."

Mr Riley polled 598 votes; Welsh Conservative, Gordon Kemp 520 votes; Welsh Labour, Graham Loveluck-Edwards 401 votes; Independent, Rachel Banner 399 votes; Plaid Cymru, Ian Perry, 104 votes; Welsh Liberal Democrat, Robin Lynn 24 votes; and The Pirate Party UK, candidate James Fyfe 4 votes.

Pupils brighten up Old Hall Gardens

Visitors to Old Hall Gardens in Cowbridge have been much impressed by this floral wheelbarrow, which is the work of pupils in Ysgol y Ddraig, in Llantwit Major.

Civic golf drive wins MG for local player

GOLFER Richard Donovan of Llanharan won the star prize of an MG 3, donated to the civic charity by Nathaniel Cars of Bridgend.

The event (the tenth) was to raise funds for the civic charity in the mayoral year 2015-2016.

The charity committee members are delighted with the support that they received from this prestigious event, which was hosted at Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club by its captain Roger Parsons, and the secretary Simon Hopkin.

The civic charity has its annual summer party with strawberries and cream and entertainment on Sunday, July 10 from 3pm to 5.30pm at Heron Hall, Heronsbridge School, Ewenny Road, Bridgend.

Admission: adults £6 and children £1. For further information call M Major on 01656 651491 or M Thomas on 01656 871439.

They are all good sports at Llancarfan Primary School

NEVER mind football at the Euros or tennis at Wimbledon, Llancarfan Primary School has been the hotbed of recent sporting action.

On June 27, pupils held their school sports day. The weather gods were on our side and the sun shone beautifully all afternoon. Children took part in sprints, fancy dress relays, egg and spoon and sack races.

Our fabulous PTA attended with a refreshment stall and parents were able to enjoy a glass of Pimm's with some delicious cakes donated by our ever-supportive parents.

Parents didn't want to be left out of the fun and drew our afternoon to a close by competing in the mums' and dads' sprint. Thank you all for being such good sports!

This coincided with our 'healthy schools week.' Children were given the opportunity to try out a range of sporting activities that they may never have tried before such as badminton, gymnastics and cricket.

Our fun and exciting week was topped off on Friday with the whole school taking part in a mile-long hike around our lovely Llancarfan village!

CHRIS HUGHES

Fun at Llancarfan Primary School sports day.

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SCHEDULE

Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Colofn 3
Dydd Sadwrn 16 Gorffennaf 2016	**The Esplanade, Cliff Hill a Cliff** ar eu hyd, Bydd dargyfeiriadau rhwng 7.00am ac 11.00pm ar hyd Bridgeman Road a Marine Parade.	7.00am i 11pm
	Gorymdaith Garnifal Gorymdaith o **Barc Kymin i The Clifftops**, teithio ar hyd;- **Beach Road** ar ei hyd **Cliff Parade** ar ei hyd, Rhwng 1.50pm a 2.30pm, bydd yr heddlu yn rhoi system cau ffyrdd dreigl ar waith am yr amser lleiaf posib i alluogi'r Orymdaith Garnifal i basio heibio.	1.50pm i 2.30pm

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

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SATURDAY 16th JULY 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

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THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of all Emergency Services Vehicles (including called out lifeboat crew), and Designated Event Vehicles, between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule.

The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00.

SCHEDULE

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Saturday 16th July 2016	**The Esplanade, Cliff Hill and Cliff Road** throughout their lengths, Diversions between 7.00am and 11.00pm will be via Bridgeman Road and Marine Parade.	7.00am to 11pm
	Carnival Parade A parade from **The Kymin Park to The Clifftops**, travelling via;- **Beach Road** throughout its length **Cliff Parade** throughout its length, Between the hours of 1.50pm and 2.30pm, the police will implement a rolling road closure for the minimum possible time to allow the Carnival Parade to pass.	1.50pm to 2.30pm

Local Signed Diversions and Pedestrian Access shall be in place

Dated this 7th day of July 2016

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
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'Goodnight Walkers' light up the streets of Cardiff

Barry Sing with Us choir and choir leader, Jo Fowler. Photo by Simon Barclay.

Alice Morgan and her friend Anastasia from Barry. Photo by Matt Horwood.

TENOVUS Cancer Care has thanked the hundreds of neon-clad supporters who took to the streets of Cardiff recently for the annual Goodnight Walk.

Around 350 walkers were sent on their way by Heart FM Breakfast DJs Jagger and Woody, with the Little Dipper (five-mile) and Big Dipper (10-mile) routes taking them past landmarks like Cardiff City Stadium, Cardiff Castle and the National Museum of Wales.

Participants were raising funds to help keep the charity's mobile support units (MSU) on the road.

The units travel the length and breadth of Wales giving treatment and support to cancer patients and their families, saving them long journeys for chemotherapy or lymphoedema treatments.

Alice Morgan (23) from Barry, was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma when she was 14 years old and lost her father to lung cancer. Alice is now healthy and took part in the walk, with her friend Anastasia.

"When I was undergoing chemotherapy, I was fortunate enough to live close to the hospital, but other patients had travelled for miles to receive treatment. The MSUs provided by Tenovus Cancer Care offer medical services that are easily accessible and do a great job of reducing long and tiring journeys for patients and their families."

Clare Gallie, director of income generation, said: "It's been another fantastic Goodnight Walk, with hundreds of wonderful people walking with us. I want to say a great big thank you to everyone who's taken part – the walkers, performers, our volunteer marshals, and everyone else who'd made it possible!

"Everyone has had a lot of fun and most importantly, the walk will help to raise a fantastic amount of money to support even more cancer patients and their loved ones."

The first Swansea Goodnight Walk will take place on Saturday, July 16. For more details, please visit tenovuscancercare.org.uk/goodnight or call 02920 768863.

The Vale Foodbank

THE Vale Foodbank is open at The Gathering Place every Tuesday from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. If you are in need, come along.

For further information contact the Vale Foodbank on 07879 562077; valefoodbank@ymail.com.

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RHODDIR HYSBYSIAD DRWY HYN fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg gyda chydsyniad Gweinidogion Cymru wedi gwneud gorchymyn dan Adrannau 16A ac 16(B)(6)(b) Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984:-

Yn YSTOD oriau penodol o'r dydd ac ar y dyddiad a nodir yng ngholofn 1 yr Atodlen y caiff y strydoedd neu ran o'r strydoedd a restrir yng ngholofn 2 yr atodlen honno'n eu defnyddio i gynnal digwyddiad perthnasol fel y'i disgrifir yn Adran 16(A)(1) Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984, y mae'r Cyngor, yn unol â'r grymoedd a ddyfarnwyd iddo dan Adrannau 16A ac 16(B)(6)(b) Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984, yn **GORCHYMYN A CHYFARWYDDO** drwy'r gorchymyn hwn hwyluso cynnal y digwyddiad, ac yn galluogi aelodau'r cyhoedd i wylio'r digwyddiad dan sylw ac i leihau'r tarfu ar y traffig sy'n debygol o gael ei greu gan y digwyddiad cydymffurfir â'r rheoliad canlynol:-

Y CAIFF, ac eithrio fel y darperir ar ei gyfer gan y gorchymyn, y strydoedd dywededig neu rannau ohonynt eu cau i'r holl draffig cerbyd, gan gynnwys beiciau, ag eithrio Cerbydau'r Gwasanaethau Brys rhwng yr oriau a nodir yng ngholofn 3 yr amserlen honno. Y gosb am dorri'r rheoliad yw dirwy hyd at £1000.00.

Atodlen

Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Colofn 3
Dydd Gwener 22 Gorffennaf a Dydd Sadwrn 23 Gorffennaf 2016	**Heol Fawr y Barri, rhwng Island Road ac East Street**	O 7.00pm dydd Gwener 22 Gorffennaf 2016 I 9.00pm dydd Sadwrn 23 Gorffennaf 2016

Bydd Arwyddion Dargyfeirio Lleol wedi eu gosod ar hyd Queen Street, Island Road a Broad Street

Bydd gwasanaeth hebrwng ar gael i gerbydau mawr HGV sy'n rhy fawr i droi o High Street i Island Road drwy'r ffyrdd sydd wedi cau.

Dyddiedig 7 Gorffenaf 2016

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council
The Alps Wenvoe CF5 6AA

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A and 16(B)(6)(b) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

HIGH STREET BARRY MARKET EVENT

SATURDAY 23rd JULY 2016

Order Under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
For the prevention of obstruction etc

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have with the consent of the Welsh Ministers made an order under Sections 16A and 16(B)(6)(b) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will Be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Sections 16A and 16(B)(6)(b) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic, including pedal cycles, with the exception of Emergency Services Vehicles between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00.

Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 22nd July & Saturday 23rd July 2016	**High Street Barry, between Island Road and East Street**	From 7.00pm Friday 22nd July 2016 To 9.00pm Saturday 23rd July 2015

Local Signed Diversions shall be in place via Queen Street, Island Road and Broad Street

Escorted access through the closure will be maintained for HGV's that are too large to make the turn from High Street into Island Road.

Dated this 7th day of July 2016

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council

READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

'SOME PEOPLE TRUST BRUSSELS MORE THAN ELECTED PARLIAMENT'

HERE we go again – drawbridges , shutters, turning of backs, isolation, closing of doors and all the rest of it.

The only voices we ever hear using these phrases are Bremainers throwing wild accusations at Brexiteers. Brexiteers actually want exactly the opposite – relations with the EU, but also with the wider world.

As for old people not being allowed to vote in the Referendum, what is old? 45? 50? Does life expectancy come into it? Should they be disqualified from voting in elections as well? If not, why not? If so, what about the maxim 'No taxation without representation'? Would old people's tax bills be cancelled?

And if young people are so disenchanted with being governed by old people in this country what on earth is the attraction of the EU? It is hardly a bastion of youth – Jean Claude Juncker is 61. Maybe they would prefer to take their cue from the National Union of Students, whose 'safe spaces' would protect them from hearing opinions with which they might disagree.

If they think they are having a hard time here, they can always consider EU countries such as Greece, Portugal or Italy.

If Scotland wants to leave the UK, it will do so. If the Referendum is not a trigger, it will find another.

And finally: how long before the Government uses the standard EU tactic of telling people to vote again until they give the correct answer?

We hear a lot about what the EU has done for us. Is it not totally weird that some people appear to trust to look after them unelected, unaccountable, irremovable, unrecognisable politicians in Brussels, more than they trust the people they have actually elected to govern them – and more to the point, that they can get rid of, if necessary?

RH Bradshaw, Cowbridge.

'Be wary of the pollsters!'

WE are two senior citizens who have been thinking about the fact that the Referendum was decided by secret ballot and yet a rift has been created between young and old, by the young blaming us for the catastrophic result.

This is based, of course, on the findings of the opinion pollsters – the same opinion pollsters who got the result of the general election wrong – and the same opinion pollsters who got the result of the Referendum wrong!

Please be very wary of these people and don't give them the satisfaction of creating further divisions in society. Better to remember Jo Cox's words : "We are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us."

It is interesting to note that our own opinion poll among friends of the same age in Barry and elsewhere came out as 99 per cent Remain!

Carole and Colin Williams, Barry.

'INSULTING AND AGEIST'

I SUSPECT that I am not the only person fed up with the whingeing about young people's future having been ruined by the EU Referendum.

According to YouGov,just 36 per cent of 18 – 24-year-olds bothered to vote, which shows how deeply they felt about the issue.

It is deeply insulting and ageist to imply that older people somehow have a lesser right to a say – that a 60-year-old's vote has less value than an 18-year-old's.

The 60-year-olds have children and grandchildren and felt that their future is best assured in a free and independent Britain.

Let the self-appointed spokesmen of youth respect that.

Brian Morris, Barry.

Penarth Belle Vue Bowling Club round-up

BELLE VUE weren't singing in the rain when they lost in the Munro Cup to Penarth Bowling Club, their local rivals, on Wednesday, June 29.

All four rinks lost, but with only 14 players. The final score was 83-37.

Rink one with only three players lost 12-17. Lead was Rowland Fletcher, No 3 was Richard Brant and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink two, also with only three players, went down 8-23. Lead was Dave Rappitt, No 3 was Dave Smith, the skip was Graham Duggan, drafted into that position at the last minute.

Rink three went down 7-28. Lead was captain Frank Keen, No 2 was Gordon Ford, No 3 was Paul Paterson and the skip was Barrie Bagwell.

Rink four lost 10-15. Lead was Gerry Field, No 2 was Paul Booth, No 3 was Alan Thomas and the skip was Colin Scammell.

Well done to both teams for staying with it in awful conditions.

At the Belle Vue v Splott Phoenix on Saturday, July 3, a Cardiff League match, Belle Vue were dancing in the sunshine with a good win 69-58, two rinks winning, one a tied game 15-15, and one defeat – again with only 15 players, 11 points to three.

Rink one with only three players won 17-13; they have yet to have a full rink. Lead was Dave Smith, No 3 was Dave Miller and skip was captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink two had a very good win 22-10. Lead was Gerry Field, No 2 was Paul Booth, No 3 was Barrie Bagwell and skip was a happy Dave Purser.

Rink three went down 15-20. Lead was Rowland Fletcher, No 2 was Richard Brant, No 3 was Alan Thomas and skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink four was a tied game 15-15, nip and tuck all the way. Lead was Graham Duggan, No 2 was Gordon Ford, No 3 was Frank Keen and the skip was Paul Paterson.

A big thank you to Malcolm Thomas for the buffet and to Paul Paterson and Barrie Bagwell for helping out at the bar and clearing up after the game.

FRANK KEEN

Yvonne stars for Wales

THE international series and British Isles Championships for the Welsh Women's Bowls Association was held from June 17-21 at Sighthill Bowls Club in Edinburgh.

Wales were successful in the British Isles Championships, winning gold medals in the singles, pairs and over-55s, and silver in the rinks, an outstanding achievement.

The international series and Eve trophy was won by Scotland, with the runners-up silver plate being awarded to Wales.

Yvonne Lloyd of Sully Sports Bowls Club was once again very proud and honoured to be selected to play and be part of the team's success, and would like to thank Sully Sports and Leisure Club for their generosity in once again sponsoring her for this trip to Scotland.

She commented: "I am exceptionally lucky to have a club that is committed to helping its members at this level of sport and it was very gratefully received."

The international series is to be held in Llandrindod Wells next year and is recommended to anyone to enjoy the wonderful atmosphere.

Sully Sports Bowls Club are always looking for new players of any gender or ability - there is a coach available to help anyone who is starting out. If anyone would like more information please contact Yvonne on 02920 530795 (ladies secretary).

Pictured above is Yvonne with Fred Johnson, Sully Sports and Leisure company secretary. **YL**

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

AMRYW FFYRDD, MAES AWYR CAERDYDD (AMRYW WAHARDDIADAU A CHYFYNGIADAU I GERBYDAU A CHERDDWYR) (GWRTHDERFYSGAETH) (DROS DRO) 2016

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, yn unol ag argymhelliad Prif Gwnstabl yr Heddlu, ac wrth arfer ei bwerau fel Awdurdod Priffyrdd dan Adrannau 14(1) a 22C Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill at ddibenion osgoi, lleihau neu leihau'r tebygolrwydd o'r perygl sy'n gysylltiedig â therfysgaeth yn bwriadu o fewn saith diwrnod neu fwy o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn wneud gorchymyn a fydd yn cyflwyno gwaharddiadau a chyfyngiadau yn y lleoliadau hynny ac yn ystod yr amseroedd a nodir isod:

Yn unol â'r pwerau a ddyfernir dan adran 22C Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, caiff y defnydd o'r briffordd gyhoeddus, gan bob dosbarth defnyddiwr ac eithrio defnydd gan a) cerbydau'r Gwasanaethau Brys neu b) dosbarthiadau eraill defnyddwyr i'w cytuno arnynt â Phrif Gwnstabl Heddlu De Cymru er Diogelwch y Maes Awyr a Diogelwch Cyhoeddus ei gyfyngu fel y dangosir gan farciau dros dro, rhwystrau ffisegol ac arwyddion i'r graddau y caniateir eu defnyddio dan y Ddeddf uchod.

Gall y pwerau a ddisgrifir uchod gael eu harfer i'r graddau y gallai unrhyw ddarpariaeth mewn unrhyw Orchymyn Parhaol, neu ddarpariaethau'r Gorchymyn Dros Dro hwn, gael eu dechrau, eu hatal, eu hamrywio neu eu hatgyfodi tra y pery.

Oni nodir fel arall yn y Gorchymyn hwn:

Ni chaiff unrhyw un gerdded neu achosi neu ganiatáu i unrhyw gerbyd neu feic fynd ar hyd, stopio neu aros ar unrhyw adeg yn y lleoliad a nodir yn yr Atodlen isod.

ATODLEN

Lleoliad: Yr holl ffyrdd rhwng y gylchfan lle mae ffordd fynediad y maes awyr yn cwrdd â'r A4226/B4265 a'r cyffyrdd lle mae dwy ffordd fynediad y maes awyr yn cwrdd â Port Road.

Llwybrau cerdded (Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddus) Pen-marc Rhifau 9, 9A, 10, 15, 21 ynghyd â'r Gilffordd Gyfyngedig a elwir Pen-marc Rhif 18 ar eu hyd.

Rhesymau: Gwneir y gwaharddiadau a'r cyfyngiadau hyn at ddiben osgoi perygl i bobl neu draffig arall sy'n defnyddio'r ffyrdd; osgoi, lleihau, neu leihau'r tebygolrwydd o'r perygl yn gysylltiedig â therfysgaeth neu at ddiben sy'n ymwneud â'r perygl neu ddifrod sy'n gysylltiedig â therfysgaeth (fel y diffinnir yn Adran 1 Deddf Terfysgaeth 2000).

Hyd: O 18.01 ar 30 Gorffennaf 2016 am hyd at 18 mis.

Llwybr Amgen: Bydd yr atgyfeiriadau ar gyfer traffig sy'n mynd i gyfeiriad y de-ddwyrain o'r gylchfan wrth y Cyfleuster Cynnal a Chadw Awyrennau, yna tua'r de-ddwyrain ar hyd yr A4226 i'r gylchfan yn y gyffordd â Port Road ac yna i gyfeiriad y de-orllewin ar hyd Port Road, i'r Maes Awyr ac i'r cyfeiriad arall.

Dim ar gyfer y llwybrau cerdded sydd ar gau.

Dyddiedig 7 Gorffennaf 2016

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau'r Amgylchedd a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

VARIOUS ROADS, CARDIFF AIRPORT (VARIOUS PROHIBITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS TO VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS) (ANTI-TERRORISM) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2016

The Vale of Glamorgan Council, following the recommendation of the Chief Constable of Police, and in exercise of its powers as Highway Authority under Sections 14(1) and 22C of the Road traffic regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, for the purposes of avoiding, reducing, or reducing the likelihood of, danger connected with terrorism, intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an order the general effect of which will be to introduce prohibitions, restrictions and limitations in those locations and during those times specified below:

Pursuant to the powers afforded by section 22C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the use of the public highway, by all classes of user, with the exception of use by a) vehicles of the Emergency Services or b) other classes of user to be agreed with the Chief Constable South Wales Police in the interests of Airport Security and Public safety will be limited as shown by temporary markings, physical barriers and signs in so far as such use may be restricted by the above Act.

The powers described above may be exercised so such an extent that any provision of any existing Permanent Order, or the provisions of this Temporary Order, may, be commenced, suspended, varied or revived during its duration.

Except as provided by this Order:

No person shall proceed on foot or cause or permit any vehicle or cycle to proceed, stop or wait at any time, in the location specified within the Schedule below.

SCHEDULE

Location: All roads between the roundabout where the airport access road meets the A4226/B4265 and the junctions where the two airport access roads meet Port Road.

Footpaths (Public Rights of Way) Penmark No's 9, 9A, 10, 15, 21, together with Restricted By-Way known as Penmark No 18 throughout their lengths

Reasons: These prohibitions, restrictions and limitations are made for the purpose of avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads; avoiding, reducing, or reducing the likelihood of, danger connected with terrorism or for a purpose relating to danger or damage connected with terrorism (as defined in Section 1 of the Terrorism Act 2000).

Duration: From 18.01 hours on 30th July 2016 for a maximum period of 18 Months.

Alt Route: The diversions for south east bound traffic will be from the roundabout adjacent to the Aircraft Maintenance Facility, then in a south easterly direction along the A4226 to the roundabout at the junction with Port Road then in a south westerly direction along Port Road, to the Airport and vice-versa.

None for footpath closures.

Dated this 7th day of July 2016

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA

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Celebrations as Wales' men's team enjoy the taste of victory!

Annual deaf bowls tournament a success

ON Friday afternoon deaf bowlers from all four corners of the British Isles descended on Millwood Bowls Club to hold their annual tournament.

Friday afternoon was taken up by players practising on the green prior to the real action starting Saturday morning.

Players and their supporters started arriving early for the opening ceremony where all teams and guests were warmly welcomed by men's president Derek Gorringe, who also wished all teams the very best in their matches.

The teams, led by the Welsh team, then marched round the green before the official opening ceremony, which was performed by Councillor Stuart Egan, Mayor of the Vale.

In his welcome, the Mayor expressed the pride that both he and the Vale Council had that this prestigious event was being held in the Vale and that, as the Older Persons Champion for the Council, he had an extra interest in the weekend.

At the close of the speech the four national flags, along with the flag of the British Deaf Bowls Association, were raised for the duration of the competition.

Councillor Egan, lady president Mary Edmunds and Derek Gorringe then went to the green to declare the games open with an official roll off.

"We are the champions!"

The matches started at 10am sharp and were played on a round-robin basis with each country entering a ladies' and a men's four.

As is usual in bowls matches, a competitive but nevertheless friendly edge soon developed across all games, and at the end of the first session of bowling at Saturday lunchtime, the lead was held by the Northern Ireland men and the ladies' lead was held by World cup holders Scotland.

The afternoon session became even more intense as all teams got to grips with the vagaries of the green, with all rinks being hotly contested.

The position of the teams at close of play was Northern Ireland, Wales, England and Scotland with a shot difference of 10 between the top three teams in the men's section, while the ladies position was unchanged from the morning session.

On Sunday morning all teams arrived bright and early for the session which would determine the winning men's and ladies rinks and the overall winning team.

After a morning of tense bowling on all rinks the ladies of Scotland won convincingly, while the men's competition turned out to be a humdinger, with Wales coming from behind to overtake Scotland for the title and improve the overall total score to enable Wales to become champions for the first time.

Presentation of all prizes was made by lady president Mary Edmunds, who congratulated all players on their performances.

We are indebted to the Vale of Glamorgan Council for all their help, especially Dave Knevett of parks and leisure and his staff, Martin Gary and Derek, not forgetting Julie Brown, the mayor's personal assistant.

Finally, thanks must be given to all members of Millwood who gave unstintingly of their time, the umpires Roger Barwick and Jill Halligey, the weather gods who gave us good bowling weather, and to our neighbours, who we hope were not too inconvenienced by all the extra traffic; if they were, please accept our sincere apologies!

Finally, a very big thank you to The Red Arrows for our very own fly past!

BH

Tennis coaching

A NEW series of junior tennis coaching is being offered at Barry Athletic Tennis Club from Sunday, July 10 for all age groups.

Barry Tennis Club is affiliated to Tennis Wales, the National Governing Body for tennis in Wales, which is part of The Lawn Tennis Association (for more details, visit barrytennis.co.uk).

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Baker boys' runs in vain

ON Saturday Barry Athletic Cricket Club first XI entertained Cardiff Gymkhana at The Athletic Ground Barry Island.

They lost the toss and were asked to bat first on a sunny afternoon and posted a score of 191 for 8 in their 50 overs, with the Baker brothers (Nathan and Ashley) getting 61 and 44 not out respectively.

It was particularly pleasing to see Ashley Baker get back to some form and play some positive and majestic shots in his innings; M Tariq was the best bowler for the visitors with 4 for 37.

Cardiff Gymkhana looked like they were going to chase the target down in no time as Talib, with 95, and S Ali, with 43, got them off to a brilliant start, but it was the introduction of Dafydd Frost, whose six overs conceded just 10 runs, taking one wicket, and rising young start Kerion Ferriday, who stole the show, with Ferriday taking 4 for 27 in his five overs.

Between them, Frost and Ferriday bowled 11 overs and took 5 for 37, but these efforts were in vain as Cardiff Gymkhana ran out winners by four wickets.

This week, Barry Athletic take on local rivals Sully Centurions, with the first XI at home with a 12.30pm start at The Athletic Ground, Barry Island and the second XI travelling the short distance to Burnham Avenue, Sully, with a 1pm start.

MR

BRYNHILL LADIES HOLD A GOLFING OPEN DAY

THE ladies of Brynhill Golf Glub held their open day on July 2.

Lady golfers from many clubs joined them to play 18 holes in teams of three. The rain had stopped, but the wind was relentless and the scores reflected the conditions.

Results: First, Dee Watkins, Pat Johns and Karen James from the Vale Resort Golf Club (74); second, Robbie Lee, Glynis Gould and Helena Coombes from Brynhill (70); third, Jan Robertson, Lynda Lloyd and Liz Taylor from Brynhill (67).

The longest drive winner was Sam Pascoe, Brynhill, and the nearest the pin winner was Chris Morris, Pontnewydd.

A good day was had by all, and a big thank you to our lady captain Liz Fine, who called in a few favours for a fantastic air display by the Red Arrows.

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ABOVE:
Second prize winners Robbie Lee, Helena Coombes and Glynis Gould, with lady captain Liz Fine.

Third prize winners Liz Taylor and Lynda Lloyd, with lady captain Liz Fine and vice captain Olwen Thomas.

Barry RFC lottery

LAST week's Barry RFC lottery numbers were 4, 8, 17 and 20, which did not produce a winner.

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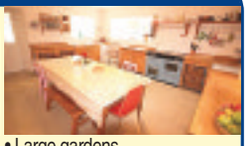

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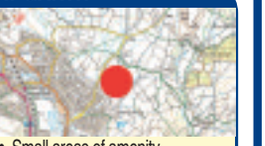

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Priority given for local connection in the first instance, after which applications will be accepted from the wider Vale.

MAES Y DYFAN, BARRY

United Welsh Housing Association together with the Vale of Glamorgan Council announce this opportunity for first time buyers to purchase a brand new home at a discounted rate.

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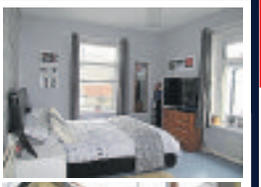

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: 13 JULY 2016

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It may take longer to rehouse you if you are awarded medical priority as there is a shortage of accessible and adapted homes in the Vale.

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- One bed bungalow
- Level access shower
- Community alarm

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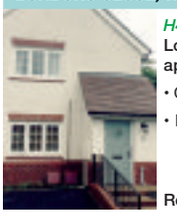

H4U reference 131017

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- One bedroom flat
- First floor

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DUNLIN COURT, BARRY

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- Three-bedroom house
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H4U reference 209357

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H4U reference 210071

- Three bedroom house

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H4U reference 1093034

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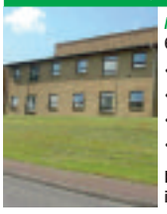

H4U reference 210796

60 and over

- One-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Level access shower
- Warden and alarm

Rent £127.95 per week including water charges

MAES YR YSGOL, BARRY

H4U reference 1100330

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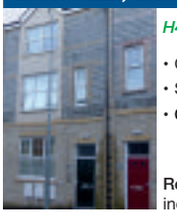

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- Second floor (no lift)
- Communal gardens

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POWIS VIEW, BARRY

H4U reference 131158

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H4U reference 222012

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- Level access shower

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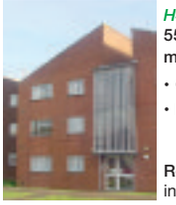

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55 and over with medical priority

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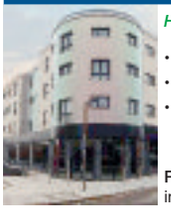

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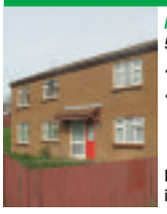

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Peacefully on June 15 after a short illness at UHW Cardiff, Raymond Aubrey (Ray), aged 95 years of Pardoe Crescent, Barry. Beloved husband of the late Olive, dearly loved father of Janet, Joe, Peter, Paul and Tanya. Loved father-in-law, cherished grandfather, great grandfather and great great grandfather. Dear brother of Sheila and Max.

Ray will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the funeral on Tuesday, July 12. Service in the chapel at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 1pm. Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Deaf Children Society.

VAUGHAN
(Formally Stanton)
Janet (Jan)

Peacefully at College Fields Nursing Home on July 1, Janet aged 93 years, formerly of Warwick Way, Barry. Beloved mum of Marcia, Bernice, Carol, Mark, Kevin and Jane, a cherished grandmother to all her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

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Maude May
(Aged 95)

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Funeral Tuesday, July 12, service and cremation 12 noon at The Briwnant Chapel, Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff. Family flowers only please, donations welcome to The Dogs Trust, Pen-Y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG.

McCARTHY
'Meana'

Peacefully passed away on the June 28 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, in her 90th year, Meana, well known for her time in Ernie Rogers shop. Beloved wife of the late Bernard, dearly loved mother of Wendy and Peter. Cherished grandmother to Nicholas, Kraig and Claire and a much treasured great grandmother.

Funeral service at St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Tuesday, July 12 at 10.30am. Cremation at Coychurch, Bridgend at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

Acknowledgements

PERRY
Joanne (née Sullivan)

Marian, Dave and family would like to send heart felt thanks to our friends for the cards, flowers and tributes, on the sudden passing of Joanne.

A special mention to Serena and Nathan for all the love and support they gave Joanne.

Also a huge thanks to Charlotte, Karen, Jerry and my dear friend Margaret who have been there for us. Thanks to Lorraine Barrett for her words of comfort and humanist service. Lastly, Lyndsay Ellis for his help and compassion at a very sad time.

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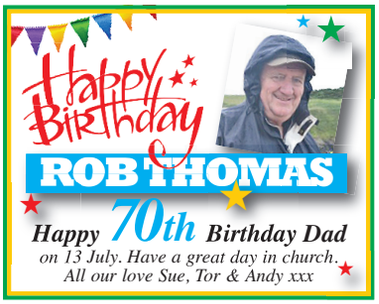

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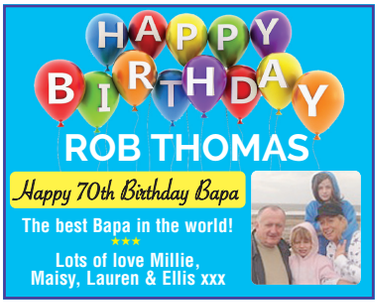

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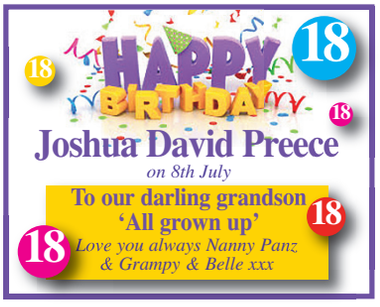

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'Tales From The Trailer' exhibition rolls into Barry

THE Romani Cultural and Arts Company's exhibition, 'Tales From The Trailer', is at Art Central, Barry until July 30.

Described as "innovative, exciting and interactive" the exhibition showcases 20 distinct stories from the cultures of two very different gypsy and traveller communities across Cardiff.

Some of these Cardiff families once lived in and came from Cadoxton, Barry, in the Vale.

The exhibition seeks to preserve and promote the cultures both of the gypsy and traveller communities throughout Wales and also to the "settled" community nationally.

The project from start to finish has been steered and led by the Cardiff gypsy and traveller communities to ensure representation of community, values, beliefs and realities is shown.

Isaac Blake, director of the Romany Cultural and Arts Company said: "Many people have documented the heritage and culture of these gypsy, Roma and traveller communities, but much of that has been documented by people outside of them.

"This creative heritage exhibition has been created to develop a better understanding of the life of ravellers in Wales."

Art Central Gallery, King Square, Barry, is open Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 3:30pm. For further information visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/artcentral.

FLOWER FESTIVAL AT LLANDOUGH

THE 150th anniversary of a Llandough church is to be celebrated with a four-day flower festival starting this weekend.

The festival opens at St Dochdwy's Church, Llandough on Saturday, July 9 and runs until Tuesday, July 12.

It will be open from 11am – 5pm on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday and from 2pm – 5pm on Sunday. The Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan will preside at a parish service to be held on Sunday, July 10, at 10am.

Other events to be held during the celebrations include a concert performed by the Spectrum Singers on Saturday, July 9 at 2.30pm. Conducted by David Hutchings, a former organist at St Dochdwy's, they will sing the music of Hollywood.

Pupils from Llandough Primary School will give a concert on Monday, July 11, at 2pm. Work from the children will be on display throughout the festival.

The celebrations will conclude on Tuesday, July 12 at 6pm with a community Songs of Praise. It was on this date back in 1866, that St Dochdwy's Church was consecrated by Bishop Olivant. Although the present St Dochdwy's Church building is 150 years old, the site has been one of Christian worship since about 400 AD.

There is free entry to the festival and to all events, and refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

Police seek Bristol man

POLICE in Barry are appealing for information to locate Luke Hurst (30) in connection with an assault which occurred in Barry on June 29.

He has links to the Bristol area but officers believe he is in Barry and wish to speak to him.

Anyone who has seen him, or who knows where he is, should contact South Wales Police via 101 quoting reference 242075 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

'Thank you' to an honest young man

I lost my iPhone in the car park at the Knap recently and it was kindly handed in to the Bridge Cafe by a young man, I believe.

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Russell Bagnall, Barry

Public asked to pick road name

BARRY Town Council and the Vale Council are working to create gardens in the derelict area on Cemetery Approach.

Planners anticipate that the works will shortly commence to transform this area into a garden area on both sides of the road, along with the introduction of a new building for community use.

Barry Town Council held a public engagement event towards the end of 2015, which a number of residents attended. At that meeting, visitors were asked to give their thoughts on what they would like to see in the gardens and provide suggestions for names. A number of suggestions were put forward and the town council has a shortlist of five for consideration.

The five names are: Gerddi'r Fynwent (Cemetery Gardens); Porth y Fynwent (The Cemetery Gateway); Gerddi Marra (Marra Gardens); Shelter Gardens, and Cemetery (Approach) Gardens.

Barry Town Council is inviting the public to choose one of these names. Votes can be cast by telephoning, emailing or writing in to the council at the following.

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00659/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Conversion of existing building into 3 apartments with new build extensions of 6 apartments
Location:/Lleoliad: Ashdene Manor, Bridgeman Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00728/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Works to existing building, including external and internal alterations to the ground and first floor, including: removal of external and internal walls; provision of two storey side extension to increase retail floorspace; provision of upgraded ground floor shop front window; replacement of front windows and introduction of additional rooflights
Location:/Lleoliad: 27, High Street, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Cowbridge

Listed Building Consent/Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00527/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: The following works are required due to the ingress of (non-rising) damp in several rooms of the property. 1) Remove existing, partially dis-bonded render from front elevation, taking care to retain existing swag. Reapply new render, restore swag and pebble dash to match existing. 2) Dismantle existing chimney on front elevation and rebuild, where possible using existing bricks or similar, with the addition of a new lead tray. 3) New Rosemary tiles in 'brindle mix' to match, as close as possible, existing roof on adjacent #18 and extension (completed in 2001). Fit new battens on felt. Replace rotten timbers, as required. 4) Replace any damaged cast iron rainwater goods with similar. 5) Replace existing garage roof with the addition of counter-battens and sarking board, where necessary on shallow angled section.
Location:/Lleoliad: 16, Cory Crescent, Peterston Super Ely
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00641/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: The installation of 2 no. brackets on external wall associated with a moveable newsbox
Location:/Lleoliad: 20, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00694/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed alterations and extension
Location:/Lleoliad: The Rectory, Llandow
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00751/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Works to existing building, including external and internal alterations to the ground and first floor, including: removal of external and internal walls; provision of two storey side extension to increase retail floorspace; provision of upgraded ground floor shop front window; replacement of front windows and introduction of additional rooflights.
Location:/Lleoliad: 27, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00756/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed internal/external alterations, installation of extraction unit/flue and replacement roof at Ty Maen Barns. Change of use of barn to A3 (food and drink) use and change of use of North West corner of site to car parking
Location:/Lleoliad: Cobbles Deli and Kitchen, Ty Maen Barns, Ogmore by Sea
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00763/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: The current setup of the shelter incorporates existing power containment on both ends of the shelter. Proposal to mount an external power injector and wireless access point at each end of the shelter.
Location:/Lleoliad: Eastern Shelter, Eastern Promenade, Barry Island
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00725/RG3
Proposal:/Cynnig: Excavation of existing embankment to install new retaining wall and concrete base for the provision of a new containerised Biomass boiler plant
Location:/Lleoliad: Docks Offices, Subway Road, Barry
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Dock Office, Grade II* and six lamp standards, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No: /Rhif y cais: 2016/00723/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Extensions to existing building for use by Specialist Rehabilitation Services, plus observation building, and highway improvements, and landscape works
Location:/Lleoliad: Cardiff and Vale University University Hospital Llandough, Penlan Road, Llandough

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00778/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing buildings and residential redevelopment of land to deliver 15 affordable homes together with associated car parking, landscaping, drainage infrastructure and other ancillary development (resubmission).
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at Former Bus Depot Site, Chapel Terrace, Twyn Yr Odyn, Wenvoe

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00645/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Conversion of existing barns to 4 holiday lets with associated parking
Location:/Lleoliad: Ty Broc Parc Farm, Parc Farm Lane, St Donats

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

Dated / Dyddiedig: 7 July, 2016

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Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

Barry RFC celebrate end of successful season

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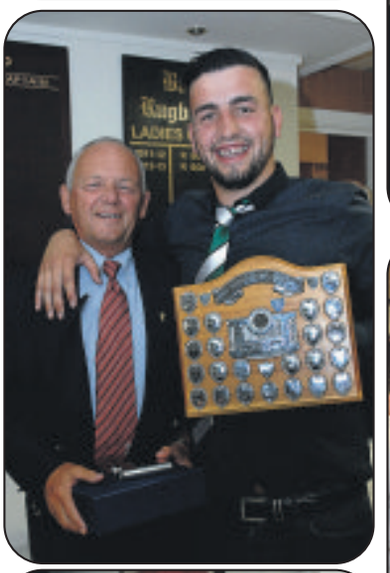

A full house of some 150 players and supporters, gathered at Barry RFC's clubhouse on June 11, to celebrate what has been a successful season for all sections of the club, and to recognise and award winners in the various categories.

Following a traditional 'bangers and mash' dinner, the audience were entertained by guest of the evening, former Wales, British Lion and Pontypool prop forward Graham Price, who recalled his time as a player and the tales as a tourist and characters he came across during his career in an entertaining talk.

A warm round of applause greeted each award which went to the following.

Club colours - Lloyd Dutton, Gareth Hall, Glynn Jones, Rhidian Mepham, Jamie Oaten, Tomos Perry, Liam Ring, Callum Scott, Einan Scott, Tiernan Scott, Sion Vidal and Brad White.

Ladies awards - player of year - Sally Hinds, players' player of year and most improved player - Keirra Dicks, clubwoman of year - Gemma Williams, spirit of the ladies - Louise Williams.

Youth player of year - Harry Morgan-Grant, with Jacob Brooke winning most improved player.

Third XV: player of year - Andrew Forte, with Joe Chucas winning most improved player; second XV: player of year - Joel Williams, with Chris Deyes winning most improved player; First XV: player of year - Einan Scott, with Rhys Knapman winning most improved player.

Club player of the year was awarded to Tom Lee, with the clubman of the year going to captain James Hadfield. The Bethan Howell award, presented by Lyn Howell, was won by Sion Vidal , while the the chairman's trophy was awarded to Colin Morris.

It is also at the discretion of the club committee to award life membership to members who it is felt have, and continue to, work tirelessly to ensure that the club continues to provide rugby in Barry for the benefit of the local community.

This year, four life members were created as follows: club chairman, Gary Haigh, membership secretary Colin Knapman, team manager, Stuart Lock and ex-finance officer John Williams.

The final award of the evening saw the presentation of a club cap for completing 300 games for the First XV to prop forward James Hollister, a wonderful achievement.

Congratulations to all the winners and let's look forward to yet another successful season in 2016-17.

Thanks to caterer Dave Pereira, president Mal Scott who was MC for the evening, and last, but not least, Carol and her girls. **AJ**

BRIAN'S BLAST FROM THE PAST, 1991...

When Vale's Evan and John both rode 33-1 winners!

POINT-to-Point racing returned to Llanwonno Mountain, which is more than a 1,000 feet above sea level, for the first time since 1904 when the now defunct Glog and Tyn-y-Cymmer Hunt held a meeting – and the new, left-handed very undulating course which was being used by the Ystrad Hunt could be described as a real old-fashioned one.

Comments from riders and spectators ranged from 'interesting', 'room for adjustment' and 'different'.

While it could never be described as one of the best viewing courses in Wales, it was obvious that hunt members and officials had worked hard – they had to knock down six stone walls to build the course.

It certainly provided some surprise winners and the only favourite to oblige was Gwyn Phillips's *Sandholme* which won the members' race under Bridgend's Paul Hamer after *Rockey Prince*, ridden by Kevin Cousins, had blundered away his chance at the last.

In the restricted open, Linda Evans's *Fox Pointer* (Pembroke Hunt) ridden for the first time by St Athan farmer John Thomas, came with a great run to join the favourite *Captain Equity*, ridden by Welsh champion Tim Jones, at the last fence, and the 33-1 outsider went on to score by three lengths.

Unfortunately, Mrs Evans didn't see her horse win as she was at her Narbeth home suffering with glandular fever. Local rider, Robert Rowsell, from Pontypridd, did well to win the adjacent hunts' race on his father's *Solar's Pride* which made a bad mistake at the fifth, causing his 20-year-old rider to lose the reins. However, Robert quickly regained them and *Solar's Pride* ran on strongly to beat the fast finishing *Ellferandem* by a length after the favourite, *Treble Chance*, ridden by Cowbridge's John Llewellyn, had looked all over the winner four fences out, only to fade quickly.

Yuan Princess, a six-year-old chestnut mare from the Worcestershire Hunt, partnered by Heather Morgan-Jones, took up the running after a circuit to land the ladies' open race by a comfortable six lengths from *Best Intent* ridden by Caroline Brown.

The odds-on *Lady Lavena* never looked like winning and finished a further 12 lengths back in third place. *Yuan Princess*, a winner over hurdles, is owned in partnership by Nigel Williams and Andrew Wilkinson.

One of the weakest Welsh men's open races for years resulted in an exciting finish with the 33-1 outsider *Sirundy*, a chance ride for Llancarfan's Evan Williams, getting home by a neck from the favourite *Rostuile*, ridden by Steve Shinton. *Sirundy*, who gave Gelligaer's Paul Riddick his second winner, is a 10-year-old by Derby winner *Grundy*.

Sirundy has won on the flat and been placed over hurdles. He cost 80,000 guineas as a yearling and was down to be ridden by Robert Rowsell, who gave up the ride as he wasn't feeling too good after his success on *Solar's Pride* earlier in the evening.

Eleven-year-old *Bribella* gave Castleton farrier Tim Rooney his 10th winner of the season when landing the maiden race by a length from *Summer Trip*, ridden by John Thomas.

Both jumped the last together, but *Bribella*, owned by Bridgend farmer Eirwen Williams, showed the better speed on the short run-in.

Do you remember attending this point-to-point? You can email Brian Lee with your horse racing memories or pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com

BRIAN LEE

Penarth hockey veterans are denied bronze

PENARTH Hockey Club's veterans' side put together its most complete tournament performance in years during the recent Welsh Masters' competition in Swansea, but were ultimately denied third place in their final game.

Buoyed by their results in warm-up games with local rival Llanishen and Caerphilly, and Dutch visitors Alliance, Penarth headed to the national competition in good heart and, with a strengthened squad, determined to build on steadily improving performances in previous masters' events.

With a late withdrawal amongst the competing teams, tournament organisers were forced to rejig the format, ditching a two-pool set-up in favour of a return to the round-robin structure of recent seasons, meaning that each side would have to play four games in a single day.

Penarth's task was not made any easier by a schedule that pitted them against the two tournament favourites in their opening encounters, but the Vale side was not to be over-awed.

Swansea provided the opposition in game one but, despite some lopsided scorelines in recent friendlies, Penarth had generally performed well against the hosts in tournament play, and so it proved once again.

Despite putting up some stiff resistance at the back, the Grizzlies fell two goals behind in the opening half but raised their game after the interval, 'winning' the second period thanks to a goal from Dave Watkins, and looking the better side despite ultimately being unable to snatch a point against the team that would eventually go on to take the title.

If anything, Cardiff looked the team to beat in the opening games, putting up big scores in each of their first two fixtures, and it looked as though Penarth could be added to that list after again conceding two first half goals.

A third strike just after the interval could have demoralised the Vale side, but Penarth stuck to their task admirably and, with Watkins again pulling a goal back, had more of the play for much of the half before their eagerness to chase a point allowed two late sucker punches to make the final score an unrepresentative 5-1 to their neighbours from the capital.

Despite striking out in each of their opening games, Penarth knew that they could still take third place in the final standings, with both Llanishen and Gwent, and Bridgend, having been on the receiving end against the strongest sides.

Determined not to go home empty-handed, Penarth set about the combined Llanishen and Gwent side from the outset, overwhelming the midfield as Mark Robinson, Tyrone Moore and Andy Strong created a wealth of goal-scoring opportunities while their defence enjoyed a well-earned quiet game.

Strikes from Watkins, Moore, Paul 'Freddy' Thomas and captain Nick Pratt ensured that there was no doubt about the result, with goalkeeper Mark Harris finally picking up a first veteran's clean sheet between the sticks.

The 4-0 result not only brought Penarth's goal difference close to par, but also sent the side into their final game – played back-to-back on a warm Saturday afternoon – knowing that the bronze medal was within reach.

As in 2015, Bridgend provided the opposition in the final game and Penarth's possession and pressure suggested that a repeat of the drubbing administered 12 months ago could be on the cards.

However, while the defensive combination of Simon Wilkinson, Richard Bromiley, Craig Llewellyn and Rob Harrison held firm in face of the opposition's sporadic attacks, the forward line proved profligate despite numerous chances to put the game away.

The squandered opportunities – and a real 'Clive Thomas moment' – that saw Strong denied a first Penarth goal by the half-time whistle would ultimately prove costly as Bridgend capitalised on a rare chink in the Grizzlies' armour to scramble a late winner, claiming third overall in the process.

Penarth's veterans' schedule next takes the side to Stratford-upon-Avon on July 9 for the now annual meeting with former player Ian 'Pug' Powell's current club.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. When the regular season resumes, training will take place on Wednesdays at ß School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7.15pm and 8.15pm.

Brynhill celebrates 95 years of golfing

ON Saturday, May 21, 1921, the first president of Brynhill Golf Club, Major William Cope MP, officially opened the club with a 'drive-in'.

The ladies captain, Mrs Liz Fine, decided to celebrate 95 years of golf at Brynhill, with ladies playing golf in 1920s-style clothing last Thursday.

Lots of ladies played golf in long skirts which, although cool around our legs, billowed out in the breeze.

Difficulty hitting the ball didn't deter winner Gemma Evans, who, over 12 holes, scored a very respectable 21 points.

The ladies then had a lovely lunch together catered by Mark, Brynhill's in-house caterer.

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Champion children

THE Vale's 'Paragames' competition was held last week in the grounds of the Penarth Learning Community.

More than 200 pupils, with a differing age range of abilities, from Ysgol Y Deri and St Helen's RC Primary School took part.

The site's wide range of modern sporting facilities, including a running track and 4G football pitch, lent itself to the Paragames and there were plenty of events on offer for everyone.

Pupils competed in 100m sprints, the shot put, long jump, javelin and wheelchair races.

Cardiff Blues education programme students from St Cyres High School volunteered to ensure the events ran smoothly, as well as supporting the pupils when they were competing.

Disappointing Munro Cup loss for Millwood

IT was another rather disappointing result for the Millwood team in this the latest round of the Munro Cup, losing by an 18-shot margin against Sully Sports 68-50.

At the fourth end, Sully had already taken the early advantage to go into a 13-19 lead, which after the eighth end had even doubled the lead score for Sully to have a commanding 12-shot advantage, 25-37.

Could Millwood produce a final spurt on towards the last half of the tie? As much as they tried it was not to be for Millwood, for after the 12th end Sully had the game already in the bag, leading by a hefty 23 shot margin, 34-57.

At least in the last couple of ends Millwood did claw a little bit of the deficit back, but the damage was really done by rink six for Sully by winning by an 11 shot total.

Thank you Sully for the game and the hospitality enjoyed after the game, good luck with the rest of the season.

Travelling up to Thomastown for a rearranged Friday evening game instead of the Saturday afternoon, Millwood found that the Thomastown bowlers were a mixture of young and not so young bowlers, which is really a good sign for the future of bowls.

The game was certainly not going to plan after the first five ends had been played, for Millwood found themselves trailing by a massive 25 shots, 11-36.

On the 10th end, the game had not changed a great deal, only for Millwood to gain a single shot to still trail 28-52.

Dragging some of the deficit back over the 10th to 15th ends, Millwood were still adrift by 19 shots at 48-67.

Over the last six ends, Millwood at last found some form and finished the game with only a six shot margin for Thomastown to take the game to win 70-76.

The damage was inflicted on Millwood by the first five ends on rink five, and on rink three after eight ends, but the Millwood bowlers stuck to their plan and to only lose by six shots does show that the game is never over until the final end.

Credit must go to both sides for a very closely contested game.

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What a successful year of sport at Cowbridge Comprehensive School!

Cowbridge Comprehensive's year-7 winning rugby team.

THE year-7 rugby team played St Johns School in the final of the Blues Cup on June 11.

Having beaten all the Vale sides in the league and cup competitions, Cowbridge qualified for the Blue South Cup first. After a tough afternoon of rugby, where the team played the best of the Vale and Cardiff, Cowbridge came through triumphant.

This meant that they had set up a 'clash of the titans' match against St Johns in the final of the Blues Cup, where the best of the south and north regions meet.

Cowbridge started extremely well, but it was soon obvious that St Johns were not here to lose, sending runner after runner crashing into the defensive line. St Johns had a number of big, strong players, but Cowbridge's resolve did not break, with Josh Hanmer, Cai Wardhaugh and Akka Guwy putting their bodies on the line.

The first try came through Ruben Davies identifying a small gap in the defence and weaving his way through. He advanced into the opposition's territory and gave a wide pass to Will Stancombe on the wing, who rounded the fullback for an excellent try. A safe conversion was then made by Harry Treharne to secure the extras.

Cowbridge continued this pressure straight after the restart, with Rhys Pritchard providing quick ball for the backs. The second try of the match again came from Davies, who this time did not need Stancombe, but finished the try off himself with outstanding footwork. Again, Treharne made light work of the conversation. Before too long, the half-time whistle went and Cowbridge went into the break 14–0 up.

St Johns were producing some excellent moves and phases of play and in the second half began to make inroads into the Cowbridge defence. After a sustained period of pressure, St Johns ran in a try themselves and were back in the game. This was until Treharne put a neat chip over the top of the defensive line, bouncing kindly into the hands of Ruben Davies. After a quick ruck secured by the tireless work of Robbie Brown and Will Hamlett, the ball was spread wide to Stancombe who saw the space on the outside and dived over to make it 21–7.

St Johns continued in their determined fashion and again closed to gap for a try 21–14. The next try would be crucial and Cowbridge were not going to let this one get away. Lewis Robyns, Alfie Rees and Seb Powell-Johns provided stable scrum ball from a St Johns mistake, with substitutes Aaron Holcombe and Thomas-Lyndon Evans taking advantage of this and set up a platform from which to mount an attack. Hanmer, as he had be doing all day, took the ball 15 metres short of the line; it might as well have been 15 centimetres. He ploughed through a number of tackles and put the ball down to put the game out of reach.

In the last 10 minutes, James Murray and Finlay Brace in the back three made some phenomenal last-ditch tackles and relieved pressure wih a number of runs from their own half. Treharne put the cherry on the top with a last-minute drop goal to make the score 29–14 to Cowbridge, who were resultantly crowned 'Champions of the Blues region'.

Year 7, on the day and in the Blues South Cup games, were nothing short of immense.

A record of 11 wins and no losses, and Vale, Blues south and Blues champions, is because of the team's hard work.

Dance

CONGRATULATIONS to Cerys May in year 8, who is competing in the Dance World Cup from June 29 to July 3 in Jersey.

She is representing Wales with Sarah Burnell's dance group in this international competition. Well done, Cerys!

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Dinas Wolves fly the flag for Wales!

AS Wales fly the flag in the European Championships, the young lads from Dinas Wolves have certainly been doing the same in Tournaments over the Severn Bridge in the past two months.

In the recent SCI tournament in Brean Sands, the young Vale players managed to go two days unbeaten and narrowly lost out in the final to the Nomads, who fielded no less than seven academy players from the Southampton FC's Bath satellite academy and Bristol City FC.

The boys played out of their skins for two days in this prestigious event and were well supported by their families who certainly enjoyed the four day break.

Last weekend, Wolves travelled the short distance to Yate FC for their annual tournament which hosts 18 teams in this age group.

Dinas entered two teams and after successful group stages, both teams made it through to the knock-outs.

In the group stages Jake Frost led his team to three wins and two losses with Joe Doughty, Rian Thomas and Robson Mallam amongst the goals. They faced Heavitree Youth in the quarter-finals and after Rian Thomas had struck the post in the opening minutes the game turned into a very tight affair with very little between the teams.

The English team had the next chance and it was to be their only chance, but it was enough to send them through. Quest, O'Brien, Kelly, and Webb had all put a great shift in for the Vale team and they were very unlucky to go out at this stage.

Meanwhile the other Dinas side had been quietly going about their business, not losing a match in the group stages as Perria, Harewood, Fifield and skipper Booker had produced goals to see them through to the quarter-finals.

Here they faced Bradley Stoke, where a late winner from Booker was enough to put them in the semi-finals.

With a 20-minute break and time to refuel, the lads from Wolves, supported by the whole squad, put on a great performance beating the hosts 5-0 to book a place in the final, scorers Harewood, Booker, Perria, Lewis and a screamer from T Williams.

Having watched Mangotsfield throughout the day, the lads knew they were going to have work hard to beat them and the crowds gathered around the pitch to watch a very tense game.

Within three minutes the Vale team had fallen behind but Harewood came very close moments later and Lewis fired a rocket of a volley, which the keeper tipped over before Booker broke free and coolly slotted home the equaliser.

Fifield, Williams and Perria defended with such authority for the midfield to have a base to attack from; the game went into extra time but Wolves couldn't find the breakthrough so penalties it was.

The stage was set - best of three then sudden death. Jake Lewis showed a cool head placing his penalty low and hard to the keeper's right to put the Vale team one up, then Dylan Morris pulled off a superb save to put Dinas in the driving seat.

Harewood rifled his penalty in to put the pressure on the Mangotsfield big centre back who blasted his penalty over. The squad from Dinas all piled on the hero of the hour Dylan Morris as Wolves managed to win the tournament.

This rounded off a great day by the whole squad and parents who all showed a togetherness rarely seen at junior level.

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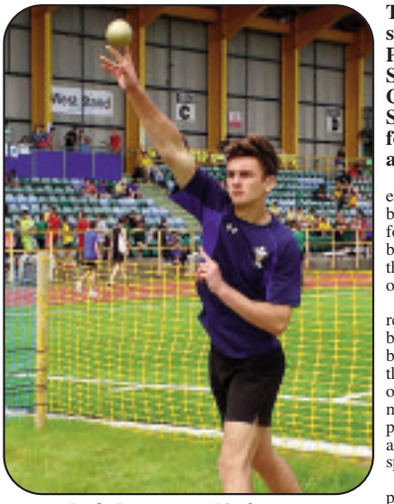
PE department sports day team with former student Matthew Edwards who is heading to Tennessee in August on an athletics scholarship.

Inter-house sports day brings kudos to all

Owain House year-9 tug-of-war team.

Year-7 Hywel House athletes.

Year-10 tug-of-war competition.



Josh Jones year-10 shot put.

THE weather smiled on Jenner Park Athletics Stadium for Barry Comprehensive School's years 7-10 for the recent annual sports day.

Excellent attitude and effort was shown by boys competing from the four houses as they battled on the track, in the field and in the tug of war.

Staff ran in a staff relay team, showing the boys how it's done before the final events of the day. A large number of pupils competed in a many events to gain points for their house and extra kudos from all spectators.

Well done to all pupils and staff involved.

Lady Taverners host inter-school sports day for special schools

PHOTOGRAPHS BY IAN DIXON

MORE than 100 children from five special schools competed in the Lady Taverners sports day at the National Indoor Athletics Centre in Cyncoed.

Heronsbridge, Meadowbank, Ty Gwyn, Riverbank and The Hollies took part in sports including wheelchair races, long jump, table tennis, skittles and egg-and-spoon races. The event finished with a relay race and a lap of honour with all the children taking part. Face painting was kindly provided by Acorns Nurseries.

The Lord's Taverners provided equipment so that the children could take part in table cricket – a specially designed version of the game that enables young people with severe physical and learning disabilities to play the game.

Glamorgan County Cricket Club provided assistance in the running of the day with Ed Smart from Glamorgan's 'Cricket in the Community' bringing along extra help.

The day was made possible with a donation from Persimmon Homes from its 'community champions' fund and from a personal donation from Lady Taverner Shelly Proctor.

Jane John, chair of the Lady Taverners Cardiff Capital Region, said: "This event gets better and better every year. A huge thank you must go to Glamorgan Cricket Club, Persimmon Homes, Acorns Nurseries and also to Dyfi Allen from the Hollies and Pippa Clarke from the Lady Taverner's committee, all of whom contributed to a very successful day.

"As a charity, we aim to give disadvantaged and disabled children a sporting chance, and, as important as the fundraising events are, this event was particularly special as it enabled us to cement our links with some schools we help in south Wales."

Victoria Williams, head of sales at Persimmon Homes East Wales, said: "We're delighted to be able to help the Lady Taverners make their annual sports day bigger and better. We know that the children really enjoy the different activities and interacting with children from other schools.

"We still have thousands of pounds from the 'community champions' scheme to give away to the right charities and groups.

"For more information visit www.persimmonhomes.com

Every year, the Taverners donates more than £3 million to help young people of all abilities and backgrounds to participate in sporting activities. To find out more visit www.lordstaverners.org.

Bowlers play to remember Angie Clissold

THE first indoor competition in memory of Rhoose bowler, Angie Clissold, took place at Sully Arena recently.

A round robin tournament was played with Rhoose and Sully teams taking part.

A very keen and competitive competition was played, and the winners this year were the Angie Perkins' team.

Many thanks to all who took part in remembrance of Angie.

PHILIP PARRY

VALE SERVES AN 'ACE' TENNIS TREAT FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

THE Vale saw more than 190 primary school pupils take part in the recent Vale Primary Tennis Festival.

Held at three local tennis clubs over three days, with 10 primary schools attending, the event was organised by Tennis Wales in partnership with the Vale sports development team, Vale Tennis Academy and coaches from local tennis clubs.

Evenlode, St Andrew's, Dinas Powys and Fairfield Primary School's braved the typically British weather to claim grand-slam victories.

In the competition for the youngest pupils – those from year three – Dinas Powys Primary School won both the girls' and mixed titles with Evenlode Primary School winning the boys' title. Evenlode also saw victories in the year five and year six age groups, winning the boys' and mixed for both.

The year-five tournament saw victories for St Andrew's in the girls' event, while Fairfield won the girls' title in the year six festival.

The winners will progress onto the finals, held in Cardiff's David Lloyd Club.

Dragon Sport is a Sport Wales scheme administered locally by the Vale Council's sports development team.

For details of opportunities to join children's tennis clubs in Barry, Cowbridge and Penarth, contact the Sports Development team on 01446 704728.

Lady bowlers enjoy captain's day in spite of the weather

LAST Sunday Llantwit Major lady bowlers welcomed Newbridge bowlers for a mixed game.

Although the weather could have been better, everyone enjoyed themselves and bowling was followed by an excellent tea prepared by members.

On Tuesday, the ladies enjoyed captain's day. Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us, but all members enjoyed a social afternoon.

On Thursday, Murch arrived to play our return league game – all rinks played well. Murch ladies expressing praise for our excellent green.

Julie Molloy, Dilys Hurley, Naomi Baelz and Pat Brown lost a six on the 13th end and did not recover losing 13-15.

Marian Lewis, Etta Gray, Helen Nixon and Kay Johnes with the score even on the 11th and 15th ends were unable to hold back a determined Murch losing 17-19.

Carol Willmot, Eryl Nicholls, Margaret Hogan and Liz Crouch won their game by three points, although Murch got off with an excellent start, six scored by Llantwit on the fourth end brought us back even and although Murch went in the lead again, Llantwit got going, drawing on the 14th and steadily went ahead to win 21-19.

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Farmers head for the Mendips for latest society competition

Winning golfers Geraint Davies, Tony McCarthy and Tosh Taylor, with sponsor, John Caines and hamper supplier, Jack Barrington.

MEMBERS of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society travelled over to north Somerset to enjoy 27 holes at the Mendip Springs Golf Club, which, as the title suggests, has many water hazards that proved quite a challenge for the majority of competitors.

Sponsored by local estate agents Payton, Jewell & Caines, the morning's nine-hole Texas Scramble was followed by the traditional Stableford competition in the afternoon for the PJC International Trophy.

An early morning start from Cowbridge in an executive style coach, generously sponsored by Cowbridge solicitors Glamorgan Law, set the tone for what proved a most enjoyable day for the 28 competitors.

A major shock in the morning's Texas Scramble competition was the disqualification of the team comprising Trevor Wooding, Chris Rooney, Glyn Watts-Jones and Dai Llewellyn. Failing to understand and read the rules attached to the score card for the competition proved their downfall.

This allowed underdogs Geraint Davies, Tim Jarvis, Tosh Taylor and Mike King to take first place with a net 32 and collect a freshly-prepared, mouth-watering pork pie supplied by Elephant & Bun of Cowbridge.

The team in second place with a net 33.4 was John Thomas, Lynn Thomas, Martyn Edwards and Dan Jarvis. The three-man team of Robbie Llewellyn, Tony McCarthy and Ian Taylor collected the best endeavour prize.

The afternoon's individual Stableford competition was keenly contested with a clutch of players all finishing within a point or two of each other. In fifth place with 28 points was Brian Jones followed by Mike Lee in fourth, with the same score.

Generous sponsor John Caines finished in third place with 29, just two points behind runner-up Tim Jarvis who scored 31 just behind overall winner Tony McCarthy, who scored 35 points.

All prizewinners were presented with food hampers containing carefully selected Welsh produce supplied by Jack Farrington of Elephant & Bun.

Tim Jarvis collected the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge-sponsored longest drive prize and Dai John, Trevor Wooding, Geraint Davies, Jim Hayes and Reg Davies, collected the Watts & Morgan sponsored prizes for being nearest the pin on the par-3 holes.

Martyn Edwards correctly guessed the number of balls (105) that would remain on foreign territory to collect the Premier Turf-sponsored lost ball prize, which generated £100 for the Macmillan Nurses charity.

A cheque for this amount was then presented to four intrepid golfers from the host club who, during the day, completed 72 holes in fancy dress in aid of Macmillan Nurses.

TMcC

Dinas Powys Golf Club: *ladies' results*

RESULTS from Dinas Powys Golf Club ladies section are as follows:

On Monday, June 6: Woodland Bowl Day 1 Par comp: first, Ann Mahenthiralingam 0; second, Pat Gosling 0; third, Sian Smith –1 from Sue Bridle and Vicki Ellison.

On June 6, Woodland Bowl Day 2 Par comp: first, Lisa Ryley 0; second, Ann Mahenthiralingam 0; third, Carolyn Jones –1 from Pat Gosling.

Competition nett results: first, Ann Mahenthiralingam 0; second, Pat Gosling –1; third, Sian Smith –3.

On June 7, a 9 Hole Stableford: first, Angela Thomas 16pts; second, Pam Warne; third, Terry Unwin.

On June 14, an 18-hole Stableford: first, Sue Bridle 32pts; second, Ann Mahenthiralingam 30 pts; third, Carole Reeves 28pts.

On June 21, Ladies Day 18 hole Medal: first, Vicki Ellison 98 – 29 = 69; on back 9 from second Annie Blackburn 90 – 21 = 69; third Lisa Ryley 87 – 15 = 72.

On June 21, Ladies Day 9 Hole Stableford: first, Terry Unwin 16pts; second, Kit Roblin; third, Moyra Smith,

The longest drive and nearest the pin on the 18th hole were won by Carolyn Jones – well done, Carolyn.

On June 28 President's Prize Day 18 hole Medal: first, Sue Bridle 85 – 18 = 67; second, Carolyn Jones 84 – 13 = 72; third, Ann Mahenthiralingam 85 – 13 = 72.

On June President's Prize Day 9 Hole Medal: first, Terri Unwin 17pts; second, June Jones; third Angela Thomas.

The longest drive and nearest the pin on the 18th was won by Carolyn Jones.

The Ladies Section would like to thank the President Derry Moore for the lovely prizes on display.

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Barrivale Bridge Club results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for June 28:

1st Simon Gottschalk & Simon Richards 69.05%; 2nd Mark Roderick & Kay Dyer 61.31%; 3rd Tim Barsby & Mia Deschepper 56.55%. Simon Gottschalk and Simon Richards also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address.

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Barry youth team looking for players

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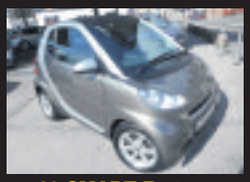

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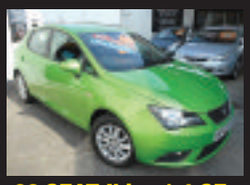

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Members and guests enjoy Wenvoe golf

Runners-up Kevin Knowles (right) and Phil Yee (left).

Fourth place Chris Jones (right) and Dale Sullivan (left).

BREEZY conditions added to the challenge for competitors in the 'Members and Guests' at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club.

The course was presented at its very best and for those not playing as well as hoped, the pleasant walk through stunning scenery proved more than adequate compensation.

Over 100 players took on the challenge and considering the prevailing winds there were some very good scores returned.

The par three holes were all peppered in an attempt to win the prizes for a 'two' and some of the big hitters were even trying on the shorter par four holes.

In the event there were just three 'twos' and the winners received a sheath of balls perhaps to replenish those left out on the course.

Winners on the day were Terry O'Grady and his guest Gareth Coleman with an excellent score of 42 points. They each received vouchers to the value of £100 and a share of the sweep.

In an extremely tight finish, the second pair of Kevin Knowles and his guest Phil Yee were just one point behind on 41.

Next were two pairs scoring 40 points and third and fourth places had to be separated on countback, with Mark Collier and Maurice Bedan just squeezing out Chris Jones and Dale Sullivan.

The club captain Paul Coombs thanked all members and guests for supporting the competition and paid tribute to the club professional Jason Harris for his excellent administration on the day.

He also thanked the club catering team, who played their part in welcoming the guests on this very busy day.

Once again the main talking point was the superb condition of the course and the club captain would pass on the accolades to the head green keeper Mark Wilshire and his hard working team.

No doubt some of the guests really enjoyed the experience and will be tempted to return to enjoy the course and the excellent facilities.

The club welcomes new members and for details of the current special offers for players of all abilities, experienced and new to the game, contact Nicola Sims club secretary tel 02920594371.

RESULTS

1st - Terry O'Grady & Gareth Coleman 42 points - £100 voucher /£20 sweep each; 2nd - Kevin Knowles & Phil Yee 41 points - £65 voucher/£13 sweep each; 3rd - Mark Collier & Maurice Bedan 40 points (countback) £40 voucher/£3 sweep each; 4th - Chris Jones & Dale Sullivan 40 points £30 voucher/£3 sweep each.

Two's - Mark Collier & Maurice Bedan - ninth hole; Andrew Evans & Martin Ford - second hole; Keith Stimpson & Alan Stimpson - ninth hole.

BJ

GREAT WEEK FOR BOWLERS

LLANTWIT MAJOR Bowls Club had a successful week, winning both of their games.

On Wednesday Llantwit faced Sully in the Munro Cup - this side are normally a difficult team to beat, but this time Llantwit won on all rinks in a 75-37 win.

Graham Jones' rink went ahead on the fourth end and from the sixth end they won seven ends in a row to lead by 12 shots.

Sully came back for a few ends before Llantwit finished with a flourish, scoring six shots on the last three ends to win by 13.

Steve Booker's rink took the lead after the third end, scoring a five on the 10th end to take a 10-shot lead.

They continued dominating the game, winning the last four ends to win by 15 shots.

Kyle Garrison's rink won the first four ends and Llantwit continued scoring freely, picking up two ends of three shots to win by six.

Neville Young's rink led from the third end. Sully came back, winning on three ends, before Llantwit took over, picking up a four on the ninth end to win eventually by four shots.

Rink scores: GJ 20-7, SB 22-7, KG 15-9, NY 18-14.

On Saturday, Llantwit travelled to St Albans (Cardiff) for their league match, a team they have never beaten on their own patch.

This time Llantwit came out on top, winning on three rinks for a 84-63 win.

Charles Hiscock's rink were on the ball from the start, taking a 12 shot lead by the ninth end.

After losing the next three ends, Llantwit took seven of the final nine ends for a 17-shot win.

Steve Booker's rink started well, having a five-shot advantage after six ends.

Albans clawed their way back to take the lead on the 13th end before both sides then took it in turns to win ends.

A dramatic final end ensued with Albans holding three shots but the Llantwit skip, with his final bowl, reduced it to one shot with a great bowl, giving Llantwit a one-shot win.

Graham Jones' rink started the match well, having a four-shot lead after two ends. Albans quickly replied, scoring four to level the scores.

The scores were again level on the ninth end and after this Albans went ahead, winning most of the remaining ends to win the game.

Neville Young's rink did well on an unpredictable green with the Llantwit front men finding their touch from the start.

With Llantwit holding a three shot advantage on the ninth end, Llantwit then won the following eight ends with all the rink contributing; Albans then scored five shots to reduce the deficit to a Llantwit win of 14 shots.

NY

Darts star Eric on target at sports arena

FIVE times World Darts champion Eric Bristow MBE was recently in the Vale, starring in a sports dinner held at the Vale Sports Arena in Penarth supporting PG10 Coaching.

Hundreds of guests where given opportunities to learn about Bristow's achievements and stories from a successful darts career.

The former world champion also played in a number of matches against guests and took part in fun games to complete an wonderful evening.

Governing bodies meet to plan next year's chess season

AT this time of year, there are three AGMs that could effect the Barry Chess Club.

The first meeting was the East Glamorgan AGM. There were no changes to the playing rules on the agenda, making it a quick meeting.

The only significant changes were in the appointment of the association officials.

I can now confirm that our very own Martin Ricketts has replaced Lee Davis as the association treasurer. I assume he will be combining this duty with his existing role as Barry Chess Club treasurer.

Peter Heaven from the North Cardiff Club will be the new ratings officer.

The following day, the Welsh Chess Union held its AGM. I was not personally at this meeting but believe there were no contentious issues on the agenda.

Finally, and most importantly, the Barry Chess Club will hold its AGM on Monday, July 11.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club. St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

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Cowbridge Bowls Club round-up

OF the four matches scheduled this last week, only two were played.

Play in the early part of the week was not possible because of the adverse weather.

On Thursday the ladies travelled to Penarth to play the Windsor Club and, although losing overall, did win on the rink skipped by Sylvia Hole, 21-17.

Sylvia was supported by Lynda Wilson, Corrie Bufton and Joan Bradley.

Other rink scores were: Diane Purnell, Jan Lewis, Pat Holdsworth ans Sue Flower 8-24; Dorothy Pritchard, Janet Morton, Diane Lloyd and Shirley Wilkinson 14-8. Match score: Cowbridge 43, Windsor 59.

The men were at home last Saturday to the Roath Park Cardiff-based team Fairoak.

Although missing a couple of key players, Cowbridge was hoping for a good result but disappointly lost on two of the rinks and drew on another.

An overall win was only possible because of an outstanding performance by stand-in skip Colin Wilson and his team of Gerry Lloyd, Byron Richards and Brian Williams winning on their rink by 33 shots to the visitors' 8.

Other rinks scores: Terry Dunsworth, Bryan Hole, Rob Lewis and Clive Pritchard 14-25; John Jones, Len Taylor, Ron Frayling and Bob Penn 23-27; Mansel Davey, Dennis Snellin, John Trott and Guy Morton 18-18. Match score: Cowbridge 88, Fairoak 78.

Although Cowbridge gained nine points for the win Fairoak were happy to gain five points away from home.

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FLYING THE FLAG FOR WELSH FOOTBALL!

WALES 'DARED TO DREAM'... and Belgium were put to the sword on an historic night!

Celebrations as Wales draw level with Belgium through Ashley Williams.

Joyous scenes as the squad savours the historic win which saw them in the semi-finals of a major tournament for the first time. ALL PICTURES COURTESY OF HUW EVANS AGENCY

"The Dragon on my chest is all I need," said Gareth Bale last week.

"DREAM. Don't be afraid to have dreams. Four years ago I was as far away from this as you could imagine. I'm enjoying it, it's great and we deserve it. If you work hard enough and you're not afraid to dream then you're not afraid to fail."

by GARETH JAMIESON

The words of Wales manager Chris Coleman after what can easily be described as the greatest night yet in the history of Welsh football.

Having booked their place in the quarter-finals of Euro 2016 with a win over Northern Ireland, Coleman's team put their opponents Belgium to the sword in the most incredible of fashions, clawing their way back from being a goal behind to record a tremendous 3-1 win over a team ranked second in the world.

It was the same nearly a year ago in Cardiff, when Gareth Bale pounced on a poor back header from Radja Naingollan (more from him later) to score the only goal of the game, a win that put Wales three points clear at the top of their qualification group as they aimed to reach a major tournament for the first time since 1958.

This time around, while the opposition were the same (as was their ranking position), the stakes were far greater than even the most optimistic Welsh fan could have predicted 12 months ago. It was winner-takes-all – for the victors a place in the semi-finals of the European Championship against a Portugal side which, 24 hours earlier, has beaten Poland on penalties in a dull and lifeless encounter.

For Wales, this was their biggest game so far (arguably the biggest in their history), against opponents who they hadn't lost to in their last three encounters – could plucky Wales sear their name in the history books, defy the odds and take their place in the final four of Euro 2016?

The answer, a breathless 90 minutes later, was a resounding yes, delivering a performance that astounded both fans and neutrals alike, overpowering Belgium with that much-vaunted pride and passion brimming to the fore.

The early exchanges indicated the magnitude of this fixture, both teams taking a while to bed into the game, but it was Belgium which sharpened up quickest, nearly taking the lead when a series of shots were kept out by the hands of Wayne Hennessey and the legs and flailing limbs of defenders.

If it served warning of the attacking potency of this Belgium team, then the warning was heeded, as Wales soon settled into the game – but they were to fall behind when that man Naingollan redeemed himself for his error last June. Picking the ball up 25 yards from goal, he delivered a shot of such venom and accuracy that Hennessy could only help it on its way to the back of the net.

It was the first time in this tournament (aside from that late England winner) that Wales had gone behind, but while you may have expected the Belgians to go for the jugular, they instead sat back a little – and then paid the price.

A corner kick on the half-hour mark for Wales was whipped in and found the head of captain Ashley Williams, who powered it home to level the scores and suddenly the impetus was with Wales.

The remainder of the half was a frantic affair, but with the sides going into the break level, it was Wales that were the more ascendant of the two teams.

Belgium had no doubt relished the half-time whistle as a chance to regroup, and they were quick to put the Welsh team under pressure as the second half began; however, it was to be Wales that would grab the next goal.

A break down the right from Aaron Ramsey saw the midfielder centre the ball for Hal Robson Kanu, and with three defenders around him Kanu was up against it.

However, with a Cruyff-esque turn, he managed to leave the defenders for dead, side-footing the ball past Courtois in the Belgian goal to give Wales the lead – a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Belgium tried to get themselves back in the game, but passes were going long, balls not finding feet – the more they tried, the less likely they looked like scoring. It was a shock then with Welsh backs against the wall, and with five minutes remaining, Chris Gunter broke down the right and crossed the ball into the box. His pacey delivery was met by the head of substitute Sam Vokes, who glided the ball over the despairing hand of Courtois to ease the pressure and unleash the celebrations.

It was a deserved win for Coleman's team, a performance easily the equal of, if not surpassing, their 3-0 rout of Russia in the final qualifying game. It didn't come without cost however, with Ramsey and Ben Davies picking up bookings that meant they were suspended from last night's (Wednesday) encounter with Portugal; losses certainly, with both players having covered themselves in glory with their performances thus far, but with James Collins or Jazz Richards and Jonny Williams or Andy King likely to come in to deputise, one that can be managed.

Sam Vokes celebrates with Chris Gunter.

Pesky press deadlines mean that by the time you read this piece you will know whether Wales prospered against the Portuguese or if the Ronaldo-led team proved too strong for this brave group of players – if it's the former, then all eyes will be on Paris on Sunday, the mouth-watering prospect of Wales in the Euro 2016 final against either hosts France or Germany, a prospect that seemed inconceivable when the tournament began three weeks ago.

Win or lose, it has been a phenomenal summer for this Welsh squad – having begun the tournament with hopes of simply getting out of the group, having dealt with the disappointment of conceding that late goal against England, this group of players and management have, again and again, shown just how strong the team spirit and work ethic is among them all.

When the pressure was on against Russia they responded superbly, and since then have raised their game when they have needed to. The semi-final against Portugal will have been, for many, the biggest game they have ever been involved in, yet there is no sign that this squad will succumb to pressure or nerves.

As Chris Coleman said, "If you're not afraid to dream then you're not afraid to fail" - and this group has made a nation of dreamers this summer.

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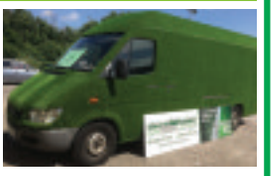

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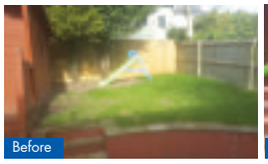

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